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EGMORE,
28*th May* 1932.

P. MACQUEEN,
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LETTERS TO FORT ST. GEORGE, 1750

VOLUME XXXI

[*From January to December 1750*]

No. 1.

To Richard Prince Esqr.
Deputy Governour &ca.
Council of Fort S[t]. George.

Gentlemen

We have Received Your's of the 26th. Ult[o]. likewise the Packet that Accompanied it from the President and Council of Fort William.

Although Marmelon is under the Jurisdiction of S[t]. Thomé and certainly one of the Dependencies of Madrass, M[r]. LaMettrie may have permission to reside at his House there Untill You Receive our further directions in that Respect.

We Observe what You mention Regarding the Theft Committed by Maul Rauze's People to Prevent which in future, We shall in few days Appoint a New Polligar.

As the Expence of Maintaining the SeaPoys likewise the Horses that are kept with You for the Security of the Place and the Slaves Occasions our Paymasters Accounts into which they have been hitherto brought to Amount to a large Sum, We direct that the same in future is discharg'd by you and brought into Your Monthly Acc[ounts], likewise all other Charges You may be at.

We have R[eceiv]ed Your Storek[eepe]r's Indent which as far as We have in our Power shall be complied [with] when Opportunitys Offer, Part of the Stationary As You Represent the immediate want of it, Accompanys this by Cooleys.

Linga Chetty informing Us that Part of the Chay Goods have been delivered at your Place, You must get them Packed immediately and forward them to Us, As you are furnished with Conveyances.

We are

Gentlemen
Your Affectionate Friends &
Servants

Charles Floyer.
Edw[d]. Croke.
Stringer Lawrence.
Alex[r]. Wynch.
Thomas Cooke.

Fort S[t]. David
the 3[d]. January 1749/50.

No. 2.

To Richard Prince Esqr.
Deputy Governour &ca.
Council of Fort S^t. George.

Gentlemen,

We have Received your several Letters of the 2^d. 3^d. & 8th. Instant.

We would have you send Us besides the Chay goods all the Cloth you may have on hand both brown & white, freighting the Same on any good Conveyances that can be Procured.

The Supply of Cash you have requested for advancing the [Mer]chants shall be transmitted you in few Days, & We shall discharge the Expences of the Troop for last month, as it has already been sent hither.

Inclosed We send you a Warrant appointing John Moore Master Carpenter of your Settlement, which must be deliver'd to him accordingly and as the Priviledges thereby allowed him are very extensive you must be carefull to Prevent his making a bad use of them.

We are

Gentlemen,
Your Affectionate Friends
& Servants

Fort S^t. David
the 11th. January 1749/50.

Charles Floyer.
Edward Croke.
Stringer Lawrence.
Alex : Wynch.
Thomas Cooke.

We Charles Floyer Esqr. President & Governour &^ca. Council of Fort S^t. David Do by these Presents Nominate & Appoint you John Moore Master Carpenter and Master Smith of Fort S^t. George under the following regulations.

1st. You shall have the Purchasing of all the Timber and Plank and shall be furnish'd by the Company out of their Storehouse with what Iron &ca you may want for the Carrying on their Works at the Usual Rates Charged to their Servants.

2^d. You shall have the Payment of all the Carpenters Smiths &ca that may be employ'd under You with Eight Peons to Attend the Works who are to be Subject to Your Order and in Case You shall be in want of more Workmen for the Service You shall have Liberty to take them up wherever You may find them within the Limits of the Place.

3^d. You shall have a Palanqueen kept at the Company's Expence, with the Apartments formerly belonging to the Under Paymaster at Fort S^t. George, as likewise a Horse out of the Company's Stables when the Service shall require it and Your daily pay shall be One Pagoda to be paid monthly.

4th. In Case of Sickness or being any otherways incapacitated from doing Your Duty You shall have Thirty Pounds towards defraying your Charges to Europe.

5th. All Carpenters &ca Workmen employ'd under You, shall not be taken Away by any One Except by an Order from the Govern^r. but when the Company's Business does not Absolutely require their Service You must be carefull to Suply the Inhabitants whenever they Apply to you.

Charles Floyer.
Edward Croke.
Stringer Lawrence.
Alexander Wynch.
Thomas Cooke.

N°. 3.

To Richard Prince Esqr.
Deputy Governour &ca.
Council of Fort S^t. George.

Gentlemen

I am ordered by the President and Council to advise that Thirty thousand 30000 Rupees will be sent you overland this Evening by Oxen under Charge of thirty Peons. I am

Fort S^t. David.
the 18th. January 1749/50.

Gentlemen
Your most humble Servant

Char^s. Bourchier.
Sec^ry.

N°. 4.

To Richard Prince Esqr.
Deputy Governour &ca.
Council of Fort S^t. George.

Gentlemen

We have Received Your Several Letters of the 9th. & 12th. Instant likewise M^r. Moses's Answer to M^r. Jones's Letter, Which We have perus'd, and our Opinion and Advice thereon is that both M^r. Jones & M^r. Moses should Reciprocally deliver Copys of all Papers and Accounts relating to their Affairs in partnership Also that M^r. Greenhaugh should be satisfied for the Money M^r. Jones Recd of him on Account of the House, as soon as Which is complied with, We shall give M^r. Jones a Permit to Captain Wills to Receive him and his Necessarys on board the Elizabeth, And with which It is our directions that You Acquaint him.

On the Ship Success that Sail'd last Night for Your Place We sent You four Chests of Rupees containing thirty two thousand, and some Packing Stuff for which You have Invoices and Bills of Lading Inclos'd also Invoice for Rupees thirty thousand (30000) sent You Overland Yesterday. We have Received here of M^r. John Smith the Sum of Fifteen thousand 15000 Rupees which was Advanced him when at Your Place for Disbursements and was more than He had Occasion for likewise of Major Lawrence the sum of Two hundred and seventy five (275) Pagodas paid him in part of his salary, which his Attorney Received for him here, therefore We shall duely Credit Your Settlement for both those Amounts.

Linga Chittee being Under a Contract with Us to take All the Honble Company's Broad Cloth, As He may have Occasion for any part of what is in Your Godowns it must be deliver'd to his People and You must Observe that it is not to be disposed of to any one else except in Small Quantities for the particular Use of the Inhabitants.

On the Success went Ensign Spear and seven Men belonging to Your Garrison, and Captain Heriot must be paid for M^r. Spear's passage, the Usual Allowance given to Officers for their travelling Charges & what is Customary for Dieting the Men. As We have thought proper to raise the Allowance of the Troopers half a Pagoda to each Man ℔ Month, the same must be Added to their Pay but continued in the Paymaster's Hands as A fund for their Cloathing, We have appointed the late Polligar of Madrass, Again to that Station & given him Orders to proceed there immediately. his Cowle shall be forwarded by another Opportunity.

The 16th. In the Evening imported with Us Our Honble Master's Ship Lapwing Who left England the 11th. September & We shall dispatch for the Bay in few days We have Received the Duplicate of Your Letter of the 15th. inclosing Invoice and Bill of Lading for five Bales of Broad Cloth by a Mussoola that Arrived Yesterday.

Herewith We sent You first Bill of Exchange for five hundred (500) Pounds Sterling, on Coja Miguel De Gregorio in favour of the Hoñble Company which must be immediately tendered for Acceptance, & for payment when due. The Letter of Advice Accompanys it.

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your Affectionate Friends &
Servants

CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWD. CROKE.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
ALEX: WYNCH.
FOSS WESTCOTT.
THOMAS COOKE.

FORT STR. DAVID
19TH. JANUARY 1749/50.

Nº. 5.

To RICHARD PRINCE ESQ.
DEPUTY GOVERNOUR &CA.
COUNCIL OF FORT STR. GEORGE.

GENTLEMEN

This is only by Order of the President and Council to accompany the Supply of Thirty Thousand (30000) Rupees under Charge of Thirty Peons of which You were Advis'd This Morning.

I am with Respect
GENTLEMEN
Your Most humble
Servant
CHARS. BOURCHIER.
Secry.

FORT STR. DAVID.
THE 18TH. JANUARY 1749/50.

Nº. 6

To RICHARD PRINCE ESQR.
DEPUTY GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT STR. GEORGE.

GENTLEMEN

We have received your's of the 25th. and send You this by our Hoñble Master's Ship Lapwing, Whose Commander has our directions to remain no longer at your Place than to land the Coral and Silver he has on board consign'd to the Gentlemen residing with You, After which he is to lose no time in Proceeding to Bengal.

A Copy of our Hoñble Masters Commands by this Ship having been transmitted by the President to the Deputy Governour, such part thereof as it is necessary You should be acquainted with, He will communicate to You, & to which strict Regard must be paid, particularly, to what Relates to the stating the Account of Quick Stock, which must be forwarded to Us drawn out in the Form directed by the Hoñble Court of Directors upon receipt hereof, likewise all other Books and Papers that are to be sent to Europe, as We Purpose dispatching the Elizabeth the 5th. of Next Month.

We approve of what You have done with Regard to the Bill drawn on Coja Miguel De Gregorio by Marut Marcar which as soon as protested must be transmitted to Us.

We have Receiv'd the sixty five Bales of Cloth by the large Boat & two Mussoolas, and now return You the Tarpawlins that came with them, likewise those that accompanied the Five Bales of Broad Cloth, being in all nine.

Gundaveddy Vencaty Ramah and Nella Chittee, late the Hoñble Company's Merchants at Madrass, having this day deliver'd Us their Accou^{ts}. with the Company, We now send them You inclos'd to be examin'd in like manner as We directed those already forwarded You belonging to Tellesinga Chittee & Sunca Ramah & their Partners. Your remarks on which Whether they agree with the Books, We would have You send Us immediately as We intend transmitting Copys of the said Accounts by the Elizabeth to our Hoñble Masters.

We are

FORT S^{T}. DAVID
29TH. JANUARY 1749/50.

GENTLEMEN
Your Affectionate Friends & Servants

CHARLES FLOYER.
EDW^{D}. CROKE.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
ALEX: WYNCH.
FOSS WESTCOTT.
THOMAS COOKE.

D^{r}. THE HOÑBLE COMPANY'S CASH IN FORT S^{T}. GEORGE IN ACCOUNT WITH GANDAVIDY VENKATA RAMA & NELLA CHITTY C^{r}.

					1745/6.				
To Sallampores Midling deliver'd into the Warehouse from Jañry. 1745/6 to Cor. August 1746. 700 @ Pa^{s}. 21. 3. 40 ℔ Corge	P.	14783	31	50	Jañry. 1 ...	By Ballance of Last Account	P.	716	15	51
						By Error found in Casting up last Accounts		100	3	—
					23 ...	By Cash Received		6000	—	—
					February 3 ...	By Ditto		2000	—	—
					26 ...	By Ditto		5500	—	—
					April 21 ...	By Ditto		2200	—	—
					30 ...	By Ditto		3000	—	—
					May 30 ...	By Ditto		1000	—	—
					June 13 ...	By Ditto		2000	—	—
					August 5 ...	By Ditto		2000	—	—
To Ballance due to the Hoñble Company.		12440	5	1		By 29 Bales Broad Cloth Receiv'd out of the Warehouse in two Different Articles, Viz^{t}.				
						Broad Cloth Aurora 9 : Ba^{s}. @ 107 : 9 ea	P.	965	9	—
						Broad Cloth Ordinary— Ba^{s}.				
						Red 9				
						Green 9				
						Blue 2				
						— 20 @ 87 4 4		1742	9	—
								2707	18	—
Pagodas		27224	—	51		Pagodas		27224	—	51

D^{r}. The Hoñble Company's Cash in Fort S^{t}. George in Acc^{t}. with Gandavidy Venkata Ramah & Nella Chitty C^{r}.

1746.											
Septem. 1	...	To Cloths &c^{a}. remaining in the Godowns at the White Town before this day Viz^{t}.									
			Cor.	p^{s}.		P.					
		Sallampores Midling.	183	15	@ 21	3 40	℔ C^{o}.	3876	23	—	
		Long Cloth Ordinary.	23	15	@ 42	— —	℔ d^{o}.	997	18	—	
		Long Cloth Midling.	6	9	@ 45	— —	℔ d^{o}.	290	9	—	
		Sallampores Ordinary.	25	7	@ 19	— —		481	23	32	
		Long Cloth Fine ...	—	1				3	18	—	
		Sallampores Fine ...	24	6	@ 30	— —		729	—	—	
		Long Cloth Fine Gold thread Borderd.	—	7				41	18	—	
		Moorees Fine ...	—	18				36	—	—	
		Ditto Wash'd.	1	—				40	—	—	
											6496 1 32
				Peices.							
		Broad Cloth of Sundry Sorts		26	Value	...	...				513 18 —
		Surat Cotton, (the remainder of what had Been Purchas'd under design to send it to the Weavers for the use of									
							Bun^{s}.	—	Pz.	Ca.	
		Weaving Cloths for the Hoñble Company)					9			7	
							Pa.				
		@ 27 ℔ Candy									189 — —
											7198 19 32
		To Ballance due to the Hoñble Company									5241 21 49
									Pagodas		12440 5 1

N.B.—Besides which we Conceald Sundry Jewels Cloths & wearing Apparell in the Godown at the White Town to the Value of or About Pag^{s}. 600 which we had the Misfortune to loose at the Fatall Loss of the Town.

1746.						
Septem 1	...	By Ballance of Last Account ...	... P.	12440	5	[1]
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Fort S^{t}. George [Sep]tember 1st. 1746

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[Richard Prince]

N°. 7

To Richard Prince Esqr.
Deputy Governour &c^a^. Council of Fort S^t^. George.

Gentlemen

We have Received your Several Letters of the 25th. Ult°. 1st. 3^d^. & 7th. Instant, as also the Books and Papers, that came with the former, and by the first Sea Conveyance, shall send You the Sundries indented for by the Commissary of Stores.

The Rupees that are deliver'd the Merchants in advance must be at the Current Price, and as We approve of the method You mention of Debting them for what they Receive and giving them Credit for the Cloth they bring in, You will duely Observe the same.

At the Expiration of the limited time for the Exemption of Customs, We direct the continuance of that Indulgence Still for six months on Grain and Provisions, also on all Goods Brought in from the Country of Which You must give Publick Notice. But those Imported by Sea must Pay the Usual Customs. The Quit Rent and Scavinger's Duty We think it highly necessary should be collected therefore would have it done as You Propose, by shewing a Proper Regard to the Present Circumstances of the Inhabitants.

We take notice of the Mention You make of the Offers you have Received for Renting the Farms at Your Place, likewise of the method Prescrib'd by the Hoñble Company for the disposal of them, But We think proper to deferr letting them out as yet, Though When We may judge it necessary shall let You hear further from Us.

You have our Permission for receiving of M^r^. Smith the Fanams he has Requested to refund, and We are

Fort S^t^. David
20th. February 1749/50.

Gentlemen
Your Affectionate Friends & Servants

Charles Floyer.
Edward Croke.
Stringer Lawrence.
Alex: Wynch.
Foss Westcott.
Thomas Cooke.

N°. 8

To Richard Prince Esqr.
Deputy Governor &c. Council of Fort S^t^. George.

Gentlemen

We have receiv'd your Letters of the 26th. Ult°. and 6th. Instant, and with the former the Copy of one to You from the Rev^d^. M^r^. George Swynfen representing the present insufficiency of the Church Stock to defray the Wages of the Servants belonging to the Church, and some other Expences which appear to be immediately necessary. Wherefore it is our directions that the same be done at the Hoñble Company's Charge, and that You have it accordingly executed.

The Bengal Rice which You acquaint Us Damages so fast, must be expos'd to Sale in Small Quantitys dailey in the Buzar and Sold at the best price that can be got for it. And as the present disturb'd State of the Country, will We imagine occasion a Scarcity of that Article soon, it is not to be doubted but this method will be more advantagious to the Hoñble Company than having it sent hither, as great loss would certainly accrue in transporting it to and from the Conveyance that might bring it.

The Slaves brought Us by the Chesterfield being twenty Six Men, Six Women and two Boys, amount to Pagodas Six hundred and forty six and sixty nine Cash (646 — 69.) for which you must give this Presidency Credit.

In a Petition sent Us by M^r. George Jones bearing Date the 26th. Ult^o., he represents having received from You an Order to deliver in Copys of all Papers and Accounts relating to his Affair in partnership with M^r. Moses, and to satisfie M^r. Samuel Greenhaugh for the Sum paid by him in part for the purchase of the House belonging to M^r. Jones and M^r. Moses, which leads Us to imagine that You misunderstood, What We said in our Letter of the 19th. January, wherein You will observe, You were only acquainted with our Opinion and Advice on that Affair and directed to tell M^r. Jones that as soon as he and M^r. Moses had reciprocally deliver'd each other Copys of all Papers and Accounts relating to their Affairs in Partnership, and M^r. Greenhaugh was satisfied on Account of the aforementioned Sum paid by him to M^r. Jones, a permit would be immediately granted M^r. Jones to be received on board the Elizabeth, which We conceive can no way bear the Construction of such an Order as he represents to have receiv'd, or that it was our intentions to have prevented his proceeding to Europe, as he imagines, had he refus'd complying with what it was our Opinion in Equity he ought to have done. Therefore to Us it appears that this must have proceeded from a misapprehension of what We wrote You, which as it may in some Cases create very pernicious Consequences, We cannot Sufficiently recommend to You to be more carefull of in future. At the request of M^r. Jones whom We think equally Entitled to a Copy of what has been Exhibited against him, as M^r. Moses to a Copy of his Letter of Complaint to You, it is therefore our Directions that You furnish him with a Copy of M^r. Moses's reply to his said Letter, as also of all the Papers that were delivered in at the same time.

As it is necessary the Company should have in Store at your Place some Arrack for the use of the Slaves and M^r. Westcott having tendered to Us Eighteen hundred and twenty Gallons which is now laying there, We direct that You receive the same and Credit this Presidency for it at the rate of Pagodas fifty 50 for One hundred and fifty Gallons.

Having thought proper to lessen the rent of the house inhabited by M^r. Westcott, You are therefore from the last of February to receive for it only after the rate of twelve Pagodas ℔ month.

The Fort S^t. George Ledger commencing the 1st. May 1742 and ending the 30 ^h. April 1743 We would have You sent Us by the first good Conveyance by Sea also a Set of Consultations for 1742.

The Polligars Cowle which You are to deliver to him comes herewith.

We are glad to observe the Differences between the Casts are accommodated and approve of your Decision in that Respect.

We have been a good deal Surprized at a Representation that has been made to Us of your having Abridg'd the priviledges We granted to John Moor by Altering some of the Articles of our Agreement with him, which We must say We think was presuming too far, and that You ought first to have acquainted Us with it, and waited for our Orders for such a Proceeding before You had put the Same in Execution. The Motives that prompted You to which We require of You to inform Us with, and that You do not take upon You in future to alter any Agreements Made by Us without obtaining our permission for it.

Your Consultations and Cash Account for January which ought to have been sent Us the begining of last Month, and those for last month with the Paymasters and other Accounts of Expences for January the beginning of this, are not yet come to hand, which is not complying with our Orders and what must be remidied in future by sending them by the 3^d. or 4th. of every month at farthest, and at the foot of the Letter that accompany's them the Quantity of Cloth You may have on hand.

As We see very little occasion for a Person to act in the Capacity of Steward at your Place the Expences of the Coffrees and Seapoys must therefore be defray'd by the Paymaster.

We shall by the first Opportunity by Sea agreable to your request forward You a Supply of Cash.

The President having in a private Letter transmitted the Deputy Governour by a Cattamaran the 12th. directed that one of the Companys of Infantry should be kept in readiness to march at a short warning, You must therefore as soon as You receive Advice from Major Lawrence when it may be necessary for them to proceed, give Orders to Captn MacDonald with his Company to follow the Instructions he may receive from the Major for that purpose and to carry with him as many Men of the Train as the Major may direct to accompany him.

As We have determin'd that Vipary Church shall remain Vacant till our Honble Masters pleasure is known regarding it, Our directions for putting the Danish Missionarys in Possession of it are thereby become void; We would have you therefore look out for some Place for them.

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your Affecte. Friends & Servants

FORT St. DAVID
16TH. MARCH 1749/50.

CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWD. CROKE.
ALEX: WYNCH.
FOSS WESTCOTT.
THOMAS COOKE.

No. 9.

To RICHARD PRINCE ESQR.
DEPUTY GOVERR. &C. COUNCIL OF FORT St. GEORGE.

GENTLEMEN

We have this Day received your Letter of the 14th. and as You will be inform'd by Ours of the 16th. That your Decision with Regard to the Differences between the Casts has met with our approbation. We have therefore now only to acquaint You that in consequence of your Desire it is our Directions that you oblige both Parties to comply therewith.

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your Affecte. Friends and Servants

FORT St. DAVID
19TH. MARCH 1749/50.

CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWD. CROKE.
ALEX: WYNCH.
FOSS WESTCOTT.
THOMAS COOKE.

No. 10.

To RICHARD PRINCE ESQR.
DEPUTY GOVERNR. &C. COUNCIL OF FORT St. GEORGE.

GENTLEMEN

We have duely receiv'd your Several Letters of the 19th. 24th. & 26th. Ultimo, and monthly Papers, with your Consultations for February, by the detention of which, and your not acquainting Us of the Steps You had taken with regard to John Moore, occasion'd Us to credit in some Measure the intimation We received of your having infringed the priviledges We had granted him, Which We observe was not the Case, and that You had sufficient Reason for making the Regulations You did to

check his insolent Behaviour. However it was what We ought to have been advised of, and in any material Cases expect that You do so hereafter before You come to any Determination.

We observe the Reasons You give for having requir'd of Mr. Jones what You were directed but to recommend to him, to which We shall only say, We must advise You to be cautious in future, of committing Mistakes in the manner of Executing our Orders, As What You represent as such, We Can't help being Still of Opinion was acting in some measure countrary to them.

By the Speedwell Ketch We receiv'd the twenty two Bales belonging to Linga Chittee and Servanah Chitty, also the Fort St. George Consultations and Leidger for 1742 and Capln. Donald Campbell with the Detachment under his Command are safely arrived here. The Water Casks that came with them have been return'd You by the Boats.

As We understand Mr. George Jones has refus'd to pay the Established Fees to the Secretary for reading, Entering and Copying the several Papers deliver'd in by him, It is our directions that You oblige him to discharge what he may be indebted to your Secretary on that Account.

Having perus'd the Petition of Adrian Fourbeck and the Papers that accompanied it, We think his Request so reasonable, That We direct you stop the Brigantine belonging to the Persons he mentions to be indebted to his Constituent, and that You make a Strict Enquiry into the Affair and acquaint Us with your Sentiments thereon, after which We shall furnish You with directions for the Measures We may think it proper should be taken on the Same.

As We are determin'd the Romish Church in the White Town shall be applied to no Use till We are acquainted with the Honble Company's Resolutions concerning it, You must acquaint the Danish Missionarys so, Who have applied to Us for it, and as We before directed, look out for a proper Place for them. We are

Fort St. David
3d. April 1750.

Gentlemen
Your Affect. Friends & Servants
Charles Floyer.
Edward Croke.
Alexander Wynch.
Thomas Cooke.

No. 11

To Richard Prince Esqr.
Deputy Governor &c. Council of Fort St. George.

Gentlemen

Judging it necessary to have here one of the Compy's of Military still with You, Capt. Richards with his Company must be order'd hither immediately by Mussoolahs, also two of the Brass Field Pieces of Six Pounders with their Boxes compleat of Amunition.

We shall dispatch to you in few days the Honble Company's Sloop Grampus with Some Madera Wine and Shall by her send You a Supply of Treasure & Stationary as You have requested in Your Letter of the 4th. to which We shall reply in a day or two; The Vizagapatam Packet & Books have arrived with Us also your Consultations & monthly Accounts.

We are
Gentlemen
Your Affectionate Friends & Servts.

Fort St. David
13th. April 1750.

Charles Floyer.
Edward Croke.
Stringer Lawrence.
Alex: Wynch.
Thomas Cooke.

N°. 12.

To Richard Prince Esqr.
Deputy Governor &c. Council of Fort S^t. George.

Gentlemen

Our last to You was the 13th. Instant, We have since received your Letter of the 7th. by the S^t. Nicholas that arriv'd here the 15th. and are well pleas'd with your having made the Contract for her Cargo of Rice and Wheat, which We are now landing; the Duplicate came to hand the 14th.

The Honble Company's Sloop Grampus agreable to what We wrote You in our last, Now carrys You Eight Chests containing Sixty four thousand, 64000 Rupees, also as much of the Stationary you indented for, as We are at present able to supply You with, and Thirty Pipes of Madeira Wine the Price of which as We have dispos'd of it here is Fifty 50 Pagodas ℔ Pipe.

We plainly observe from what You mention that the Dispensing with the Customs no ways answers the purpose that was intended by that Indulgence, and is only an Inconvenience, Wherefore We direct That the first of next month you fix the Customs as formerly on every Article except provisions on which no Custom must be taken.

The Gentlemen in Bengall having wrote to Us for a Quantity of Redwood, as We understand there is a parcell belonging to the Estate of M^r. John Hallyburton at your Place to be Dispos'd of, We would have You purchase it, and lade as much on board the Grampus and Bonetta, which we shall aslo [*sic*] dispatch to You in few days as they can take in, and the remainder Freight on any good Conveyances bound to the Bay. As soon as the Grampus has deliver'd the Sundrys We have sent you on her, and taken on board the Redwood, You must give the Master of her Orders to proceed directly to the Bay.

We are not a little astonish'd at Peter Denckers Declaration of being uncapable to discharge the Sum lent him by the Company, As We are pretty well assured by the help of that Money, he reap'd great Advantage When here and make no doubt he does the same now, therefore cannot admit of any Excuse for his not immediately discharging it which if he does not Chuse to do readily You must Compell him to it.

The Honble Company having lent the Rever^d. M^r. Swynfen a Sum of Money in England to be paid out of his Salary here, We therefore now inclose his Bond for the same which he must accordingly Discharge.

We are
Gentlemen
Your Affectionate Friends & Servants

Fort S^t. David
18th. April 1750.

Charles Floyer.
Edward Croke.
Alex: Wynch.
Thos. Cooke.

N°. 13.

To Richard Prince Esqr.
Deputy Gover^r. &c.
Council of Fort S^t. George.

Gentlemen

Yesterday We dispatched to You our Honble Masters Sloop Grampus, and agreable to what We advis'd you in our Letter by her the Bonetta now sails for

Your Place, and after She has taken on board as much Redwood as She can carry, You must dispatch her as you were directed to do by the Grampus, directly to the Bay.

Fort S^{t}. David
20th. April 1750.

We are
Gentlemen
Your Affectionate Friends & Servants

Charles Floyer.
Edward Croke.
Alex : Wynch.
Thomas Cooke.

N°. 14.

To Richard Prince Esqr.
Deputy Gover^{r}. &c^{a}.
Council of Fort S^{t}. George.

Gentlemen

We have received your Letters of the 20th. Ult^{o}. and 4th. Instant also your Consultations and Monthly Accounts, and what We are to acquaint You with is that We have determined the Brigantine S^{t}. Anna with her Cargo shall be sold at Outcry, for which You have our directions as it is very obvious, by your Enquiry and the Information We have received from M^{r}. William Beawes lately arriv'd from Manilha (of her having left that Port upon the Governour there sending for Coelho and Heytor in Consequence of a Letter he received from Macao regarding her ; That She does not properly belong to them ; otherwise it is to be imagin'd they would have had no Occasion for Sailing away so Precipitately, and as they own themselves to be indebted to Vicente Roza what he charges them with and it is pretty Evident, it was with his Money they Purchased the said Vessell, We are of Opinion that the Title Gregorio Jacob has to one third of her (altho it is plain he bought the same of them) is not a Secure one as they could have no Power to dispose or Mortgage any part of her She being in reality the property of other Persons and for that Reason When You have Received what She and her Cargo may Produce it must be deposited in the Honble Company's Cash 'till it can be properly decided how the same is to be divided as We don't chuse to take upon Ourselves to do it.

We entirely approve of your Behaviour towards M^{r}. Jones and as long as He refuses paying the Fees due to your Secretary We would have You deferr giving him Copies of these Papers he procur'd our Leave to be furnish'd with, A List of the Fees Establish'd here for the Benefit of our Secretary he is ordered to transmit M^{r}. Walsh.

As the One hundred 100 Pagodas Dencker said He Discharged here was paid to a Black fellow in Consequence of our President's directions the same must be deducted from the Amount of the Bound he gave Us for what We paid him. The Quantity and Price of the Arrack as inserted in the Invoice sent You by the Grampus being Erroneous, you must pay no Regard to it, but what We wrote You in our Letter of the 16th. March on that Subject as that was the real Quantity and Price.

At Present We can think of no better method to get rid of the Rice than what You now make use of, therefore We would have You follow the same 'till the whole is disposed of.

The Liel Captain Michael Collings carried You some Medicines and the Sundrys indented for by your Commissary of Stores Invoice of which and Bill of Lading go Inclosed.

The Honble Company's Ship Portfield Captain Carteret Le Geyt, arrived with Us the 6th. from England which She left the 20th. Novr. and inclosed We send You a

List of such Ships as were arrived before She came away also of those taken up for India this Season. We shall by the first good Opportunity send You agreable to your Request a Supply of Rupees.

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your Affectionate Friends & Serts.

FORT St. DAVID
10TH. MAY 1750.

CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWD. CROKE.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
ALEX: WYNCH.
FOSS WESTCOTT.
THOMAS COOK.

P.S.

Having Received by the Portfield directions from the Honble Company not to Erect or restore any Buildings or Fortifications at Your Place 'till We hear further from them; We inclose You an Extract of their said Commands, which must be strictly Complied with.

C. F.
E. C.
S. L.
A. W.
F. W.
T. C.

EXTRACT of the General Letter from England To Fort St. David, dated the 3d. November 1749 receiv'd ℔ Ship Portfield.

Paragraph 17th. . . . No Building Publick or Private either in the White or Black Town at Madrass are to be erected or restored until the arrival of Mr. Robins our Engineer, Who will proceed on one of the first Ships, or until You hear further from us.

A true Copy

CHARLES BOURCHIER
Secry.

LIST OF SHIPS TAKEN UP FOR AND ARRIVED FROM THE EAST INDIES IN THE YEAR 1749.

Ships.	Burthen.	Commanders.	Consignment.	When Sailed.
Lapwing ...	300	Francis Cheyne ...	Bengal	6th. Septemr. 1749.
Swallow ...	1510	John Bell	(Madagascar Coast and Bencoolen Bengal.)	26. Octr.
Duke of Cumberland.	499	Robert Osborne ...	Fort St. David & China.	
Prince Edward.	499	Robert Haldane ...		
Grantham ...	499	Walter Wilson ...		
York	499	Edwd. Ward ...		
Portfield ...	400	Carteret le Geyt ...	Fort St. David Benjar & China.	
Norfolk ...	499	Nathaniel Hancock...	Madeira, Coast & Bay.	
Kent ...	499	Willm. Robson ...	Coast and Bay.	
London ...	499	Willm. Sedgwick ...		
Lynn ...	498	Willm. Egerton ...		
Anson ...	499	Chas. Fowlis Commodore.	Bombay.	
Shaftesbury ...	499	William Bookey ...		
Ilchester ...	499	John Tedd ...	Persia & Bombay.	
Suffolk ...	499	Willm. Wilson ...	St. Hellena & Bencoolen.	

ARRIVED.

Swallow	16th. April 1749
Essex	28th. Ditto
Lapwing	28th. May
Benjamin	30th. Ditto
Hardwicke	18th. June
Scarborough	19th. Ditto
Duke of Dorset Prince of Wales }	4th. July
Wager	14th. Ditto
Eastcourt	1st. August
Orford	3d. Ditto
Stretham	17th. Ditto
True Briton	19th. Ditto
Colchester ... Exeter ... ... Oxford ... ... }	17th. September
Godolphin	18th. October
Porto Bello	19th. October
Bombay Castle	20th. Ditto

EAST INDIA HOUSE LONDON
THE 3D. NOVEMBER 1749.

ROBERT JAMES
Secry.

N°. 15.

TO RICHARD PRINCE ESQR.
DEPUTY GOVERR. &CA.
COUNCIL OF FORT SR. GEORGE.

GENTLEMEN

We are now to reply to the Several Letters We have received from You of the 7th. 21st. 28th. & 30th. Ulto. 1st. & 4th. Instant.

Your Protests in behalf of our Honble Masters on Coja Miguel de Gregorio for non payment of Marut Marcar's Bill of Exchange, also the one deliver'd You by Don Manuel de Trasgallo were likewise duely Received, & We are not displeas'd at that Affairs being terminated by Adrian Fourbeck's withdrawing his Petition.

Telesinga Chitty's Petition, for the Expence he was at in taking care of the Cloth he had provided We can by no means comply with, as the Cloth is never look'd upon as the Honble Company's till deliver'd into their Godowns, and with respect to the Difference in the prices of the Cloth provided by Sunca Ramah and Umbeltoddy Chity, We shall write further shortly. In relation to the Broad Cloth, You may acquaint Your Merchants, that when it arrives We shall then consider of the disposal of it, and that as to their request of being permitted to provide a proportion of fine Goods If they are willing to take off the Sum which has been advanced by our Merchants who We contracted with for that part of the Investment and is still Outstanding on that Account; We consent to their providing the same otherwise it must continue in the Hands of those with whom We have already engaged.

We shall by the first Conveyance supply You with some Fanams, which however must as usual be deliver'd out at thirty six for a Pagoda We shall likewise send You five or six Candies of Doodoes and Cash, which We are well convinced will be as many as You can possibly have occasion for.

We were not a little Surprized at reading the Memorial of some of Your Officers and more so at the manner of it's being Deliver'd You, From whence it might be imagined, You had no Commanding Officer at Your Garrison, as We find he was entirely Ignorant of it. Who certainly ought to have been acquainted with an Affair of that Nature before it was prefferr'd to You. It is an Action which at the same time that it convinces Us of their little knowledge of Military Affairs gives Us room to believe them to be of turbulent Dispositions as what they complain of has never been once hinted to Us by any of our Officers, They being convinced of the necessity We were reduced to of paying them in that manner, agreeable to which shou'd those

with You still discover an unwillingness to receive their Pay. It is our Directions that the Military Regulations for paying them daily & at eight shillings a Pagoda be strictly complied with, but that You do it at the Company's Exchange of thirty six fanams for a Pagoda, & likewise that You assure them, If We have the least Information of their being guilty again of any thing of the like Nature, We shall not fail of shewing a just Resentment. We are

GENTLEMEN
Your Affect: Friends & Serts.

FORT STR. DAVID
8th. June 1750.

CHAS: FLOYER.
EDW: CROKE.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
ALEX: WYNCH.
FOSS WESTCOTT.
THOMAS COOKE.

P.S.—This Day at Noon arriv'd here Our Honble Master's Ship York, which We shall dispatch to You in three or four days therefore We direct that You keep your Boats in readiness to unload her as Expeditiously as Possible.

No. 16.

TO RICHARD PRINCE ESQR.
DEPCTY GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT STR. GEORGE.

GENTLEMEN

This goes by our Honble Master's Ship York, which You must use all possible Dispatch in Unloading, By the Endorsement on her Bills of Lading which is inclos'd, You will observe what has been landed from her here, and You will receive herewith, a Copy of Manifests of private Trade, licenced Silver and Coral, as also her Original Invoice and in a day or two We shall forward You her Dispatch.

In Case any of our Honble Masters Ships should pass this Port and arrive with You, We direct that You immediately Set about unloading them, and after the Deputy Governour has opened the packet and taken Copys of the Papers that may be necessary to be kept with You, the packet must be forwarded immediately to Us. We are

GENTLEMEN
Your Affectionate Friends & Sts.

FORT STR. DAVID
11TH. JUNE 1750.

CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROKE.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
ALEX: WYNCH.
FOSS WESTCOTT.
THOMAS COOKE.

A MANIFEST OF GOODS, MERCHANDIZE & FOREIGN SILVER LICENSED BY THE COMMITTEE OF SHIPPING OF THE COURT OF DIRECTORS OF THE UNITED EAST INDIA COMPANY LADEN ON BOARD THE SHIP YORK CAPTAIN EDWARD WARD COMMANDER BOUND FOR FORT SAINT DAVID BY THE SEVERAL PERSONS AS FOLLOWS. VIZT.

CAPTAIN EDWARD WARD.

E.W.

No. 6 @ 7	Two Cases Saffron	£	200	—	—
4 @ 5	Two Cases Coral		500	—	—
1 @ 15	Fifteen Hhds Ruinus		150	—	—
1 @ 6	Six Barrels Cochineal		150	—	—
1 @ 2	To Barrels Smalts		50	—	—
8	One Chest Amber Beads		100	—	—
	Two Cases Clocks, Two Cases & four Chests Looking Glass & Glass Ware		400	—	—
	One Box Gold & Silver Thread		90	—	—
1	One Chest Cutlery		50	...	...
1 @ 2	Two Bales Blankets		100	...	...

1 @ 2	Two Bales Canvas		120	...	...
1 @ 20	Twenty Barrels Pitch & Tar		20	...	...
—1 @ 12	Twenty Roles Sheet Lead q^{ts}. Four Tons ...		60	...	...
	One Case q^{ts}. Six Remnants Cloth Six Yards Each.		30	...	...
	In Foreign Silver for the Ships Stock		499	...	...

Mr. John Corner 1st. Mate.

I.C.

1 @ 3	Two Chests & half Wine	£	30	...	...
4 @ 5	Two Barrels Smalts		50	...	...
6	One Cask Vermillion		40	...	...
7	One Box Amber Beads		30	...	...
	On their Indulgence				

Mr. John Williams 2d. Mate.

I. W.

	Three Bags Shreds Cloth		60	—	—
1	One Chest Cutlery		40	—	—
	One Case & a Box Hatts		50	—	—

Mr. John Fitz Gerald 3d. Mate.

G. F.

1	One Barrel Cutlery		20	—	—
F. G. 4 @ 8	Five Barrels Cheese		7	—	—
	One Hhd Hatts		15	—	—

Mr. Peter Lascelles 4th. Ditto.

P. L.

1	One Chest Cutlery		30	—	—
	One Case Hatts		40	—	—
	Two Bags Shreds Cloth		29	—	—

Mr. Tristan Fenwick Purser.

T. F.

1	One Chest Cutlery		30	—	—
1 @ 4	Four Casks Red Herrings		6	—	—

Mr. Andrew Quick 5th. Mate.

A. Q.

1 @ 2	Two Bags Shreds of Cloth		30	—	—
1	One Chest Cutlery		16		

Mr. Thomas Dale Midshipman.

T. D.

	One Cask & a Box Hatts		10	—	—
1 @ 3	Three Casks Cheese		6	—	—
	On their Indulgence.				

Directed	Mr. Wright to Charles Floyer Esqr.				
No. 1 @ 2	Two Chests Wine		50	—	—
Directed	Ditto to Joseph Fowke Esqr.				
1	One Chest Wine		25	—	—
Directed	Mr. Lemaitre to Capt. De Gingins.				
1 @ 2	Two Chests Wine		50	—	—
Directed	Mr. Watts to Henry Vansitart.				
	One Box Apparel & Books		10	—	—

Freight Free being for the Use of the abovementioned Persons at Fort St. David.

M. David de Castro.

I. P. 1	One Chest Coral Beads		340	—	—
A. D. 3	One d°.		550	—	—
M. C. I. B. 4	One d°.		300	—	—

Mr. Matthews Beachcroft.

V. N. 14	One Chest Coral Beads.				

Mr. Abraham Fernandes Nunes.

N. F. 2	One Chest Coral Beads and broken Coral	610	—	—
	On which they have paid Freight & permission into the Company's Treasury and given Bond pursuant to the Order of Court.			

East India House
London the 16th. December 1749.

Henry Crabb Boulton.

Account of Coral and Silver Licenced to be shipped on board the York for Fort St. David by the following Persons to purchase Diamonds Viz.—

								£
Matthews Beacheroft	...	1	Chest Markt.	...	VN	No. 14	Contg. Coral Beads Value	937
Abraham Fernandes Nunes	...	1	Do.	...	NF	No. 2	Do. & broken Coral	610
David de Castro	... ...	1	Do.	...	IP	No. 1	Coral Beads ...	340
		1	Do.	...	ATD	No. 3	Do. ...	550
		1	Do.	...	M C IB	No. 4	Do. ...	300
								2,737
Jacob Pereira	...	1	Do.	...	SF	No. 6	Contg. Foreign Silver.	1,450
Samson Gideon	...	1	Do.	...	SG	No. 4	Do.	3,000
John Horne	...	1	Do.	...	IH RL	No. 8	Do.	1,500
George Heath	...	1	Do.	...	GH	No. 1	Do.	3,714
Samuel Hartog Levy	... ...	1	Do.	...	SHL	No. 2	Do.	3,000
David De Castro	... ...	1	Do.	...	AM	No. 7	Do.	1,800
		1	Do.	...	IBC	No. 16	Do.	2,700
Henry & Peter Muilman & Joseph	...	1	Do.	...	C M S C	No. 1	Do.	4,000
Salomons	... ...	1	Do.	...	M S C	No. 2	Do.	4,000
					M S	No. 3	Do.	4,000
Michael Salomons	...	1	Do.	...	MS	No. 3	Do.	2,000
								3,1164

Manifest of Private Silver Licenc'd to be Shipped on board the York for Fort St. David's on Account of the following Persons.—

	Oz.
For Mr. George Drake One Chest GD No. 3 q^tg.	2,250
The Honble Charles Floyer Esqr. President One Chest CF No. 4.	2,000
Henry Vansittart, one Small Bag HV	200
George Jones & Levy Moses One Chest M No. 3	2,000
Oz.	6,450

Bullion Office
East India House
15th Decemr. 1749.

Jo. Mukllethwart.

No. 17.

To Richard Prince Esqr.
Deputy Gover^r. &c^a. Council of Fort S^t. George.

Gentlemen

We wrote you Yesterday by our Honble Masters Ship York, who We then dispatched to you and having sent You by her a Box of Fanams amounting to Four thousand 4000 Pagodas, which We omitted to advise You of. We therefore now inclose You Invoice and Bill of Lading for the same. Also Extracts of Sundry Paragraphs of our Honble Masters Commands receiv'd by the York, As it is necessary You should be furnish'd with them for your guidance in the transactions of their Affairs, and We enjoin your Strict Obedience thereto.

We are
Fort S^t. David Gentlemen,
12th June 1750. Your Affectionate Friends & Servants

Charles Floyer.
Edw: Croke.
Stringer Lawrence.
Alex: Wynch.
Foss Westcott.
Thos. Cooke.

Extracts of the General Letter from England to Fort S^t. David, dated the 8th. December 1749 recd p^r Ship York.

Para. 6 . . . If you can without loss of time load any Goods on the said Ships proper for the Canton Market agreable to the Intimation in our Advices by the Portfield it will be very acceptable to Us and in such Case the Supra Cargoes have our Orders to pay the Amount of Such Goods out of the Bullion Consigned to them but you are on no pretence to detain them longer than the Supra Cargoes Shall Approve of.

Para. 18 . . . You must be particularly careful & Exact in adjusting all Accounts of Damage and short delivery of the Cargoes of our several Ships, and oblige the Commanders to pay for the same according to Charterparty, you are to Explain the Nature of such Damage and short Delivery, the Condition of the Package, and add such observations thereto as will enable Us to judge Whether the Owners are entitled to any Equitable Relief. You are to indorse the same on the Bills of Lading, & fully advise Us in your Letters of all Circumstances.

Para. 19 . . . And as there generally Appears a deficiency in the Weight of Lead, Iron, Copper and Elephants Teeth which may in part be Occasion'd by the different manner of Weighing the same in England and India, We have thought it proper to acquaint You with the Method us'd here. Whereby you may be able to form a Judgement, whether there is any real Deficiency or not Viz^t. Lead about 15 ℔ at a Draft, and no less Weights than 4 ℔ are us'd, but no Draft allow'd. Iron about 5 ℔ at a draft, weighing with no less Weights than 2 lb. and for Draft 2 lb. are allow'd. Copper and Elephants Teeth about 5 ℔ at a Draft weighing very near, and One Pound is allow'd for a draft.

Para. 40 . . . As We make no doubt of your being in Possession of the Fort S^t. George Books and Papers, We direct that you collect together all the Phirmaunds and Grants You can find from the Several Mogulls, Nabobs and their Ministers, with Regard to all our Priviledges in India and our Rights and Titles to our several Settlements on the Choromandell Coast. You are to get them translated by able hands, and fairly Copied in a Book, which must be forwarded to Us as soon as it can possibly be Compleated.

Para. 64 . . . We therefore direct for the future that in the Account of remains the several Articles be ranged under Distinct Heads such as Guns, Garrison Stores, Anchors, Grapnells, Cordage, Ironmongers Ware, &c^{a}. That the Several Sorts, Sizes, Weights & Natures of each Article be particularly distinguished and the English Weights of all Europe Stores Inserted.

Para. 66 . . . And the better to Explain our meaning We have transmitted You a proper form, which must be Strictly Observed in framing all your future Accounts of Remains of Stores.

A True Copy

CHAR. BOURCHIER,
Secry.

N.B.—The Form for framing all future Accounts of remains of Stores is not yet come to hand, When it does, a Copy will be immediately forwarded to you.

N°. 18.

To RICHARD PRINCE ESQ^{R}.
DEPUTY GOVERNOUR &C^{A}.
COUNCIL OF FORT S^{T}. GEORGE.

GENTLEMEN,

Our Honble Masters Ship Prince Edward arriving here Yesterday, We have landed from her the Sundrys endorsed on her Bill of Lading, which is inclosed and now Dispatch her to You, to be unloaded which must be done with all possible expedition, after which You must deliver her Commander the accompanying Sailing Orders the Deputy Governour first Signing the same, as also those for Capt. Edward Ward of the York which you will likewise receive herewith, and are to be delivered in like manner. The Original Invoice of this Ship with Copys of her Manifests of licenced Silver, Coral & Private Trade, And also of the Form That must Strictly be Observed in framing all future Accounts of Remains of Stores, go inclosed. And in Consequence of the Honble Company's Orders when You send your Indent for Medecines, must accompany it a List of all the Surgeons Instruments and Utensils belonging to the Company then Remaining.

We are
GENTLEMEN,
Your Affectionate Friends &
Servants

FO$_{R}$T S^{T}. DAVID
15$_{TH}$. JUNE 1750.

CHARLES FLOYER.
EDW : CROKE.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
ALEX : WYNCH.
FOSS WESTCOTT.
THOMAS COOKE.

A MANIFEST OF GOODS, MERCHANDIZE & FOREIGN SILVER LICENCED BY THE COMMITTEE OF SHIPPING OF THE COURT OF DIRECTORS OF THE UNITED EAST INDIA COMPANY LADEN ON BOARD THE SHIP PRINCE EDWARD CAPTAIN ROBERT HALDANE COMMANDER BOUND FOR FORT S^{t}. DAVID BY THE SEVERAL PERSONS AS FOLLOWS. VIZ^{t}.

CAPTAIN ROBERT HALDANE.

RH

N°. 1 @ 2	Two Cases Camblets	...£.	500	—	—
1 @ 2	Two Cases Amber	...	700	—	—
1 @ 2	Two Boxes Gold Thread & Lace	...	1,100	—	—
1 @ 12	Twelve Rols Sheet Lead	q^{t}s. Four Tons		60	—	—
	Two hundred & Ninety Three Bars Iron q^{t}s. Five Tons ...		60	—	—

		£.	s.	d.
1 @ 3	Three Cases Prints	50	—	—
1 @ 2	Two Cases Plate Glasses	100	—	—
1 @ 2 & 1 @ 2	Two Chest & Two half Ditto Wine	75	—	—
1 @ 160	One hundred and Sixty Half Faggots Steel q^tls. Four Tons...	70	—	—
	In Foreign Silver	285	—	—
	In Foreign Silver for the Ships Stock	499	—	—
	Mr. Robert Veitch 1st Mate.			
	In Foreign Silver	298	10	—
	Mr. Lorenzo Collins 2d Ditto.			
	In Foreign Silver	198	—	—
	Mr. Thomas Cheap 4th. Ditto.			
T C				
1	One Chest Cutlery	30	—	—
1	One Box Gold Thread & Lace	69	—	—
	On their Indulgence			
Directed	Mr. Wright to Charles Floyer Esqr.			
No. 3 @ 4	Two Chests Wine	50	—	—
Directed	Ditto to Joseph Fowke Esqr.			
2	One Chest Wine	25	—	—
Directed	Admiral Boscawen to Charles Floyer Esqr.			
1 @ 3	One Case & Two Bundles q^tls. a Chaize & Furniture			
	Francis Magnus to John Pybus			
Directed	One Hhd. Beer, One Case Apparel & Necessaries with 30 Yards Gold & Silver Lace a bridle & Saddle			
	Freight Free being for the Use of the abovemention'd persons at Fort St. David			
	Mr. David de Castro.			
MCIB No. 3	One Chest Coral Beads	420	—	—
IBC 14	One Chest Ditto	610	—	—
IP 2	One Chest Ditto	125	—	—
	On which he has paid Freight and Permission into the Companys Treasury and given Bond Pursuant to Order of Court.			

East India House
London the 16th Decemr. 1749.

Henry Crabb Boulton.

Account of Coral and Silver Licenced to be Shipp'd on Board The Prince Edward for Fort St. David by the following Persons to purchase Diamonds Vizt.

				£.	s.	d.
David de Castro	1 Chest Markt	MC	No. 3 Contg. Coral Beads IB Value	420	—	—
	1 Ditto ...	IBC	No. 14 Ditto	610	—	—
	1 Ditto ...	IP	No. 2 Ditto	125	—	—
			Total ...	1,155	—	—
Jacob Pareira ...	1 ChestMark't.	SF	No. 5 Contg. Foreign Silver Ounces.	1,450	—	—
John Horne ...	1 Ditto ...	IH	No. 7 Ditto	1,500	—	—
Samuel Hartog Levy	1 Ditto ...	BH	No. 1 Ditto	2,400	—	—
David Levy ...	1 Ditto ...	DL	No. 4 Ditto	3,000	—	—
David de Castro	1 Ditto ...	AM	No. 6 Ditto	1,800	—	—
	1 Ditto ...	IB M	C No. 15 Ditto	1,936	10	—
Elias Levy ...	1 Ditto ...	EL	No 4 Ditto	4,000	—	—
Nathan Salomons	1 Ditto ...	NS	No. 1 Ditto	4,000	—	—
Isaac de David Levy	1 Ditto ...	SCL	No. 6 Ditto	4000	—	—
	1 Ditto ...	SCL	No. 7 Ditto	4000	—	—

				£.	s.	p.
Henry & Peter Muilman.	1 Ditto ...	C M S N°. 4 Ditto ...	... ...	4000	—	—
and Joseph Salomons.	1 Ditto ...	C M S N°. 5 Ditto ...	... ...	4000	—	—
	1 Ditto ...	C M S N°. 6 Ditto ...	... ...	4000	—	—
	1 Ditto ...	C M S N°. 2 Ditto ...	... ...	4000	—	—
			Ounces ...	44086	10	—

MANIFEST OF PRIVATE SILVER LICENCED TO BE SHIPP'D ON BOARD THE PRINCE EDWARD FOR FORT ST. DAVID ON ACCOUNT OF THE FOLLOWING PERSONS VIZ^{T}.

	£.	s.	p.
The Honble Charles Floyer Esqr. President One Chest CF N°. 3 q^{ts}.	2000	—	—
M^{r}. Joseph Fowke One Chest JF N°. 3	1850	—	—
George Jones & Levy Moses 1 DittoJ M N°. 4	2000	—	—
John Pybus 1 Case of Wrought Plate	665	—	—
Ounces ...	6515	—	—

BULLION OFFICE
EAST INDIA HOUSE
15TH. DECEM. 1749.

N°. 19

TO RICHARD PRINCE ESQ^{R}.
DEPUTY GOVERNOUR &C^{T}.
COUNCIL OF FORT S^{T}. GEORGE.

GENTLEMEN,

Yesterday came to hand your Letter of the 16th. Instant, and for any Tinn that may be had to send to China on our Honble Masters Ships bound thither not yet arrived, You may give as far as thirty-six Pagodas a Candy, and with Regard to Elephants Teeth as the Sizes of them are so various, We can only Direct that if they can be procur'd at Such Rate as You may judge will yield a reasonable Proffit, we would have you purchase them, or any other Articles by which it is likely our Honble Masters may Reap any advantage.

Inclosed is an Extract of the List of Investment receed from the Honble Company by the Ships lately arrived, for your guidance in procuring the same, and which must be strictly kept up to. And as the fine and midling Salempores provided at your place have always been esteem'd most, We have allotted that Brach [*sic*] entirely to your Merchants, Who must be call'd before You and each Set now provide the same Sortments they did formerly; you must likewise use your endeavours to lower the prices if possible, as We find it will be very satisfactory to our Honble Masters and as to Sunca Ramah's Request to be allowed the same as Gundaveddy Vencaty Ramah, If what he has brought in equal's Gundaveddy's in goodness, We must insist upon Gundaveddy's lowering his price to what We give Sunca Ramah, as you acquaint Us they get their Cloth both from the same place, but if Sunca Rama's is Inferiour to what is provided by Gundaveddy and You are well assur'd he cannot make it better, for the price he engaged with Us, We then agree to his being paid the same as Gundaveddy but not otherwise. The Brown Cloth the Honble Company have Received of late, they much disapprove of, and direct Us to use all Possible means to prevent their having any more sent them. Wherefore We must recommend to You to be very Assiduous in getting Cur'd all provided by You As We shall direct

Mr. Andrews to consign the Vessels that may bring up his Bales in September to You, which as he has no Conveniencys for Washing them, You must therefore perform ; and as the Honble Company are desirous to have all the Northward Cloth cur'd by You or Us, You must give Encouragement to all Washers to come and Settle among You, that you may be as soon as possible in a capacity for Complying with their said Inclinations. We have it not in our Power to comply with the desire of your Merchants for a proportion of the Broad Cloth being Positively Order'd to sell the same at Outcry. And having also absolute Directions to use our utmost Endeavours to recover the Ballance that were due to them from their Madrass Merchants, when the place was taken, an Account of which is inclosed, the same must be therefore set about with the greatest Diligence.

The President having been inform'd that the Quantity of Redwood purchas'd of Mr. Fowke belonging to Mr. Hallyburton's Estate, was only One hundred and Seventy Candys, which is a very small proportion of what the President and Council of Bengall have wrote to Us for, he has ordered Mr. Starke to Contract for Two thousand Candys, Wherefore it is our directions that You pay to Austekery Narrain four thousand seven hundred and fifty Pagodas for the purchase of the said Redwood, and that as fast as it is brought in, You take all Opportunitys of forwarding the same to Bengall.

Our Honble Masters disapproving of our giving any Pensions and directing Us to send home at their Expences the Persons to whom We have granted them, as You will Observe by an Extract of their Commands relating thereto inclos'd, You must acquaint Capt. Morgan, and Mrs. Graham with the purport of them and if they chuse to accept of the Compy's Offer We will provide them with a Passage by the first Ship.

We are
GENTLEMEN,
Your Affec: Friends & Serts.

CHAS. FLOYER.
EDW: CROKE.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
ALEX: WYNCH.
FOSS WESTCOTT.
THOMAS COOKE.

FORT ST. DAVID
21st. JUNE 1750.

EXTRACT OF THE LIST OF INVESTMENT TO BE PROVIDED ON THE COAST OF CHOROMANDEL FOR THE SHIPS GOING OUT IN 1749.

		Pieces.
LONG CLOTH.	Ordinary.	
DITTO	Middling most 1 M & 2 M You must endeavours to make them thicker, for as they have been for some years past very thin, they have Sold for less in proportion than the Ordinary, Forty thousand	40,000
DITTO	Fine most F 1 & F 2 Six thousand	6,000
SALLAMPORES	Midling, Forty thousand	40,000
DITTO	Fine, ten thousand	10,000
DITTO	1 MB none.	

Great Care must be taken to keep all the Sallampores up to full sixteen yards long long & the usual Breadth and take particular care that no damaged pieces are packed in the Bales as a great many were last & some this Year as also the Long Cloth being full of holes many of them darn'd up, & some with patches in them.

A true Copy

CHARLES BOURCHIER,
Secry.

An Account of the Ballances due from the Old Madrass Merchants which by the Calculate of Quick Stock Dated 31st. January 1745 stood thus—

Pagodas 5672		69	Cash due from	Tomby Chittee.
7236	2	46	... ...	Moolinga Kistnah.
5570	5	54	... ...	Ponnapah Chittee.
10065	31	76	... ...	Pondarum &c[a]. Undertakers for Chindatree Pettah, allowing them a reasonable time to discharge the same, that so they may not be distress'd.

Extract of the General to Fort St. David from England dated the 8th. December 1749. Recd. W. F. Ships York and Prince Edward.

Para. 67. . . We forbid your giving Pensions to any Persons Whatsoever, but to such as We shall expressly direct, if You do, We shall charge the same to your particular Accounts, and with Regard to the Widows Graham and Smith, Capt. Morgan and Mr. Baker, if their necessitys are such as You Represent, send them home at the Company's Expences and We will Consider of their Merits.

A true Copy

Charles Bourchier,
Secry.

No. 20

To Richard Prince Esqr.
Deputy Govr. &c[a]. Council of Fort St. George.

Gentlemen

As Mr. Peter Campbell is Sollicitous to resign his Commission in the Honble Company's Service We direct that he be immediately Struck off the Rolls.

The inclos'd Papers notifying to all Persons that have Demand Upon the Estate of Mr. Petch to deliver the Same into Us we would have Affix'd at the most Publick Places in Your Town.

Fort St. David
28th. June 1750.

We are
Gentlemen
Your Affectionate Friends & Servants

Charles Floyer.
Edward Croke.
Stringer Lawrence.
Alex: Wynch.
Foss Westcott.
Thomas Cooke.

No. 21

To

Richard Prince Esqr.,
Mr. Richard Starke,
Mr. Charles Boddam,
Mr. Cornelius Goodwin,
Mr. Joseph Fowke,
Mr. Henry Powney,
and
Mr. Samuel Greenhaugh.

Gentlemen

The Honble Company's Ship Lynn Capt. William Egerton arriving here this day from England with a Packet directed to Thomas Saunders Esqr. President and Governour Mr. Richard Prince Second Myself third Mr. Cornelius Goodwin fourth, Mr. Richard Starke fifth, Mr. Joseph Fo[wke] sixth, Mr. Charles Boddam seventh, Mr. Henry Powney eighth, Mr. Robert [Goodere] ninth, Mr. George Pigot tenth &

Mr. Samuel Greenhaugh Eleventh of Council [I] thought it for the Hon'ble Company's Interest to open the same which having accordingly done and taken a Copy of their Letter therein Contained, I now send You the same Inclosed, and am to desire You will as soon as possible let me know your Resolutions on this matter, and that You will use the speed[iest] means of Conveying this Advice to Mr. Saunders. The Members of the late Council will Continue their Several Employs' till such Persons as You app[oint] thereto may come to take Charge of them.

The Moors Army Commanded by Mahom[ed] Ally Cawn whom We join'd with part of our Garrisson a few days past being much distress'd for Provisions, I think it is a very proper Opportunity to dispose of the large Quantity of Rice belonging to the Company now lying at Fort St. George which was purchas'd last year and has been represented to be much damaged wherefore I have procur'd a Conveyance for it which will be with You in a day or two and if you approve of it I think it would not be amiss to load on her One hundred and fifty Garce. And by her I propose sending You the Supply of Cash requested by the Deputy Governour and Council.

The Seventy Chests of Treasure by the Lynn I have sent for ashore and shall order it into the Mint immediately.

I am
GENTLEMEN
Your most humble Servant

STRINGER LAWRENCE.

FORT St. DAVID.
6TH. JULY 1750.

OUR PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL
AT FORT SAINT DAVID.

1. Our last Advices under Date of the 8th. of December went by the Ships Duke of Cumberland, Grantham Prince Edward and York; the two first Sail'd out of the Downs the 20th. of the same month.

2. The Norfolk Captain Nathaniell Hancock is consigned to you, under Orders however to receive on board three hundred Pipes of Wine at the Island of Madeira, One Moiety of which We have directed our Agents to consign to you and the other Moiety to Bengall.

3. You are to direct a Survey to be made of the Stowage, and the Condition of the Casks, that the Commander may Account with You, for what may be wanting more than the Customary Leakage.

4. Captain Hancock and his Officers are allowed twenty Pipes of Maderia Wine on their Private Account, if any more should be landed at Your Settlement, it must be seized and sold on our Account as unlicenced Goods and you are to advise our President and Council in Bengall of the real Quantity landed.

5. For the other Consignments to you by the Norfolk We refer you to the Invoice and Bill of Lading in that Ship's Packet.

6. Although the Ships Kent Captain William Robson, the London Captain William Sedgwicke and the Lynn Captain William Egerton are consigned to Fort William the Commanders have our directions to call at Fort St. David that the Bullion by the said Ships may be Coined which must be done with the utmost Expedition.

7. Concluding that You have Coined the Bullion sent you by the Portfield and the China Ships, We direct that You send to Bengall on the Kent, London and Lynn, the full Amount in Rupees, of the value of the Bullion by the said last mention'd three Ships and that You likewise send by the Norfolk an equal value with either of those Ships, and We further Direct that after the Dispatch of the said Ships, You continue to send by every Opportunity whatever you can to the Bay, our Intent being, that You should retain in your hands no more of our Effects than will be absolutely necessary for making Your Investment and defraying Your Charges.

8. That you may be enabled to dispatch home the more Ships, all of this season as well as the last carry out Whole Kintladge in Iron which You must observe to reckon into the Tonnage for so many Tons in Goods as the Charter Party mentions there are Tons of Iron Kintladge to be carried out and brought Home.

9. As the Ships thus carry out Iron, You are not obliged by Charter Party to load any Salt Petre, unless you are under a Necessity of doing it for want of other Goods, in which Case you are to put aboard as much as will Compleat the Charter Party Tonnage and no more.

10. In this manner you are to send Home as many Ships as you can procure Tonnage, for, observing always that those which have been longest in India are to be first Dispatch'd, and that the Surplus Tonnage if you have any must be laden on the latter Ships.

11. As it will be greatly for our Interest to have as formerly all our Ships dispatch'd from our several Settlements the same season they arrive, We Recommend it to You to act in Concert with our Servants in Bengall, and on the Mallabar Coast, the more effectually to answer our Intentions.

12. But if it shall happen notwithstanding your utmost Efforts any Ships should remain on your hands, she must be employed in such a manner as will at least Ballance the Demorage that will be incurr'd by her staying in India a Season Extraordinary, and if there is a necessity of detaining any Ship it must be the London.

13. You must early and with as much exactness as You can advise our Servants in the Bay what Number of Bales You expect to have ready for the returning Shipping and at the same time remind them of sending You a sufficient Quantity of Salt Petre.

14. As the selling of Coast Piece Goods at the beginning of the September Sale will be greatly to the Company's Advantage We earnestly recommend it to you to use your utmost Endeavours to dispatch one or two Ships with a large proportion of fine Goods so early as to arrive in England some time in the month of June.

15. As by this time the Books and Papers taken by the French at Fort S^{t}. George, We expect to hear are in your Possession, We direct (if it has not been already done) that an exact List be made of them and transmitted to us by the first Conveyance and that at the same time You remark whether any are missing or not return'd by the French with the Reasons thereof. This order is not meant to delay your immediately sending Us such Books and Papers as were mention'd in our Letter of the 29th. of March last by the Severn.

16. We have appointed Joseph Cooper a Writer on your establishment, Who is to be employed in such a Station, wherein he may be most Useful to Us.

17. We have permitted the undermention'd Persons to reside in India under the Company's Protection. Viz^{t}.

18. Thomas Whitlatch, John Brohier, and Jacob Dawson in the Seafaring Way, John Page to practice Surgery, Wherever he may be wanted or Approv'd of, and Joseph Lowe (now in Bengal) as a free Merchant.

19. The intimations We received last year that a Spirit of Gaming prevail'd among our Servants at Fort S^{t}. David have to our Great Concern prov'd too true and we have had undoubted Assurances that it has been Conniv'd at and practiced by M^{r}. Floyer and many of our Superiour Servants to such a Degree as almost to engross their whole time and Attention, hence in a great measure the Extravagant Expences of your Settlement are to be accounted for, as well as the general neglect and want of Order in every Branch of our Affairs, to remedy which a Change of Hands is become absolutely necessary, We therefore Order and Direct that M^{r}. Floyer and M^{r}. Holt be immediately Dismiss'd from the Company's Service.

20. And We do hereby Constitute and appoint the undermention'd persons our Council for the management of all our Affairs on the Choromandel Coast Establishment Viz^{t}.

Thomas Saunders Esqr. President and Gove^{r}. for all Our affairs on the Choromandel Orixa and Sumatra Coasts.

M^{r}. Richard Prince ... ... Second and to succeed as President in Case of the Death or Absence of M^{r}. Saunders.

Majr. Stringer Lawrence	...	...	Third and to remain as such.
Mr. Cornelius Goodwin	...	...	Fourth
Mr. Richard Starke	...	...	Fifth.
Mr. Joseph Fowke	...	...	Sixth.
Mr. Charles Boddam	...	...	Seventh.
Mr. Henry Powney	...	...	Eighth.
Mr. Robert Goodere	...	...	Ninth.
Mr. George Pigot	...	...	Tenth.
Mr. Samuel Greenhaugh	...	...	Eleventh.

21. The Principle We go upon in Settling the Council as above is to rank every one according to their real Standing in our Service, and this is the method which in all Cases We intend to Pursue and You are to observe Unless you have Our orders to the Contrary.

22. Although We have left Mr. Croke out of the Council as above, We do not thereby mean to leave him out of our Service, but in Consideration of his Age and former Services We direct that he always Continue to rank as a Senior Merchant next under the Council and in lieu of all former and other Appointments Whatsoever, he be allowed Two hundred Pounds a Year.

23. Agreable to the principle abovemention'd, We direct that Mr. Wynch and Mr. Westcott (late of Council) be ranked upon the List of Covenanted Servants precisely according to the Situation they would have been in had Fort St. George not been taken.

24. And as Vacancys happen in the Council We direct that the next in Standing be taken in unless their behaviour of Circumstances may render them unfit for that Station.

25. Mr. Pigot who was made a Prisoner at War upon the Surrender of Fort St. George to the French and thereupon came to England now returns to his Duty on one of the Ships of this season, If You think he may be of particular service to us at Fort St. George You may station him there.

26. The whole Council are to take the usual Oath of fidelity and the President must write to his Friends in England to give the Customary Security as must such of the Council Whose Friends have not already done so.

27. You are particularly to observe and follow the directions We sent You by the Portfield under Date of the 3d. of November last.

28. We direct that You appoint one of the most able of the Council Chief of Vizagapatam.

29. And a very Capable person Chief of Ingeram on both of whom We shall very much depend for the increase of the Investment on Your Coast.

30. If Mr. Munro or Mr. Lightfoot apply to be taken into the Company's Service in their former Stations at Madrass as Surgeons You are to entertain them accordingly.

31. We have great Reason to doubt Whether the vast Sums of Money expended at Fort St. David since Mr. Floyer's coming to the Chair have been justly and fairly accounted for, We therefore positively direct that You do immediately make a strict Enquiry into Mr. Floyer's Accounts as likewise of all other of our Servants Who have been Concerned in transacting our Affairs and Wherever you find the Company have been fraudulently injur'd that You do not Suffer any of them to proceed to England untill they have made Us full and Ample Satisfaction.

32. As the pernicious Vice of Gaming has spread like a Contagion among all Ranks and Degrees of our Servants both Civil and Military, We are determin'd to put a Stop to it by making Example of Every Person infected therewith, You must therefore agreable to the directions We gave You last Year make a strict Enquiry into the Behaviour of our several Servants as well the Military as Civil and send us a Particular Account of such Enquiry, and in the mean time Reprimand Suspend or

even dismiss them from our Service according to the Degree of their Guilt, Every Covenant Servant and each Military Officer are to be called before the President and Council and acquainted with these our Orders.

London 12th. January 1749/50.
Ex: P.M.

We are
Your Loving Friends

Charles Gough.

William Baker.
Richard Chauncy.
J: Raymond.
Samuel Feake.
Peter Godfrey.
James Winter.
John Payne.
Whichcott turner.
William Rider.
Thomas Phipps.
John Hope.
William Mabbot.
Michael Impey.
Abel Fonnereau.
John Thornton.
Charles Cutts.
Nicholas Linwood.
Stephen Law.
James Creed.

N°. 22.

To Richard Prince Esqr.
Messrs. Richard Starke
Joseph Fowke
Charles Boddam &
Henry Powney

Gentlemen

This Morning I was favour'd with Your Letter of the 9th. Instant and in Consequence of Your Directions now Dispatch to You the Brilliant Snow, and have ordered Captain Burman to Observe the Instructions You may judge proper to give him I have wrote by him a Letter to Mr. Saunders and inclosed to him a Copy of the Honble Compy's Letter by the Lynn in the 6th. Paragraph of which as it is said that Ship is consign'd to Bengall, and the Same Appearing by her Invoice, by which I observe she has on board much the same sorts of Stores, the York & Prince Edward brought Us I have therefore not being in need of them landed only her Treasure & have replaced the Amount in Rupees, & to compleat a Chest have sent

As.

more Rupees 2266. 8.—which will be reckon'd as a part of the Ballance of the Lapwing's Treasure Not yet sent thither. As by the Honble Company's Letter I conclude it is their Intention that the Lynn and the other Ships bound for the Bay should be dispatch'd with all possible Expedition give me leave to say Gentlemen I am of Opinion it will be Improper to detain the Lynn to return hither with Messrs. Starke, Boddam & Powney, whereby she may not Arrive in Bengall till very late on which Account & as the supply of Treasure must be extreamly Acceptable to the Gentlemen there, I think the sooner she is dispatch'd thither the better, I have directed Captain Egerton to call on You as he has some private Coral & Silver on board & Eight Chests of Rupees for your Use And After he has landed the same to proceed immediately to the Bay.

As I desired the Rice might be sent hither from being greatly in want of it more than from the price of it being risen, & the late President & Council having Contracted with the Owners of the Don Carlos to bring it hither, I shall therefore send that Vessell who will be ready in About a Week to take it in, For the want of it in Mahomud Ally Cawn's Camp is at Present extreamly Great.

Fort S^{t}. David
12th. July 1750.

I am
Gentlemen
Your most humble Servant
Stringer Lawrence.

N°. 23.

To Richard Prince Esqr.
Messrs. Richard Starke
Joseph Fowke
Charles Boddam
Henry Powney

Gentlemen

The Lynn having taken on board all her Rupees for Bengall I have now dispatch'd her for that Port, but as she is Obliged to call at your Place to land her Private Consignments I have laden on board her Eight Chests of Rupees for your Use as ℔ Invoice & Bill of Lading Inclosed.

Vencatashia a Dubash Who serv'd Major Muir here, being indebted to the Honble Company One hundred Pagodas, he rec'd from one Cundapah a Butcher, which was advanc'd him to enable him to supply the Kings Troops when here with provisions You will therefore be pleas'd to make him repay that Sum, and when the same is Executed let me know that it may be regularly brought to Account.

Could I have procur'd any Pagodas I should by this Conveyance have Complied with M^{r}. Prince's request for some.

Fort S^{t}. David
13th. July 1750.

I am
Gentlemen
Your most humble Servant
Stringer Lawrence.

Account of Coral, Amber and Silver Licenced to be Shipp'd on board the Lynn for Fort S^{t}. David by the following Persons to purchase Diamonds Viz^{t}.

Isaac Delmonte ...	1 Chest Markt	I D N°. 1 Cont. Coral Beads value	£ 519	6	8
Phineas Serra ...	1 Box	I F P N°. 1 D^{o}....	600	—	—
Judah Supino ...	1 D^{o}. ...	RE N°. 7 D^{o}.	175	—	—
Abraham & Jacob Franco	1 Chest ...	FF N°. 9 D^{o}.	900	—	—
	1 D^{o}. ...	FM N°. 1 D^{o}.	660	—	—
	1 D^{o}. ...	FM N°. 2 D^{o}.	600	—	—
	1 D^{o}. ...	IFM N°. 32 D^{o}.	540	—	—
	1 D^{o}. ...	✠ N°. 6 D^{o}.	860	—	—
	1 D^{o}. ...	M F N°. 5 Rough Amber £ 60 C Amber Beads 110	170	—	—
			£ 5024	6	8

			Ounces.		
David Levy ...	1 Chest Markt	DL N°. 6 Cont^{s}. Foreign Silver...	2400	—	—
David de Castro ...	1 D°.	APD N°. 1 D°.	800	—	—
	1 D°.	AM N°. 8 D°.	1800	—	—
	1 D°.	IBC N°. 19 D°.	3868	—	—
Nathan Salomons ...	1 D°.	NS N°. 1 D°.	3000	—	—
	1 D°.	NS N°. 2 D°.	2860	—	—
Aron Goldsmid ...	1 D°.	SMS N°. 7 D°.	2000	—	—
		Ounces	16728	—	—

Ex. I. E.
London the 12th. January 1749.

Robert James,
Sec^{y}.

A true Copy
Charles Bourchier,
Sec^{y}.

Manifest of Private Silver Licenced to be Shipp'd on board the Lynn for Fort S^{t}. David on Account of the following Person Viz^{t}.

	Oz.	dw.	
To M^{r}. Joseph Fowke One Chest IF N°. 4 Cont^{s}.	2812	10	—

Bullion Office
East India House
10th. January 1749.

J^{o}: Micklethwart.

A true Copy
Charles Bourchier.
Sec^{y}.

N°. 24.

To Richard Prince Esqr.
Messrs. Richard Starke.
Joseph Fowke.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.

Gentlemen

The Lynn carried you my last of the 13th. Ins^{t}. and I am now to acquaint You with the Grantham's having Arrived here yesterday with Benjamin Robins Esqr. on board. The Duke of Cumberland Who came out in Company with her by their Unexpectedly falling in with the Coast of Guinea near Cape Verd the 16th. January about Eight o Clock at Night in thick Weather & by a fatal Change of Wind Succeeded by a Calm which obliged them to come to an Anchor very near the Shore where the Grantham rode the Whole Night and with difficulty got off in the Morning but the Cumberland parted her Cable & was drove in the Surff where She was lost, and when they left her which was near a month after they had not been fortunate enough to save any part of her Cargo from the Surff's continuing very high but had made the best provision they Could at Gambia an English Settlement on that Coast, for fitting out a Sloop and Long Boat to make a tryal on the Wreck, As soon as the Season of the year should permit. And as they luckily fell in with the Durrington the 5th. of March homeward bound under the line, on Whom they sent M^{r}. Torriano one of their Supra Cargoes to give the Information of this Accident to the Company the Assistance they will be Able to Send from so early Intelligence may be a means of saving her Treasure. Of her Crew only five Perished. I am now unloading the Grantham as fast as possible, and when that is Compleated shall Dispatch her Immediately for China, but must here represent to you Gentlemen, as this Branch of the Honourable Company's Affairs is quite foreign to my Province as likewise the Advancing the Merchants and carrying on the Investment, which may from my having but little knowledge in these Matters rather suffer than flourish under my Management, to which added the

Approaching Dispatch to Europe which it's not Unlikely will be sometime next month as from the Advice Given Us by the Gentlemen at Bengall, the Lapwing may be expected by that time, When the Letters lately received from the Company must by their Directions be Explicitely Answer'd I therefore think it highly Necessary & entirely for the Interest of the Company Mr Prince shouldcome here as soon as possible as there is no probability of seeing Mr. Saunders till the end of next month.

Inclosed is a Letter from Mahomud Ally Cawn to the Havildar of Conjeveram & Poonemely to direct him to Permit our Colours being hoisted at Poonamalee, but he desires that We will noways interfere in the Business of the Circar at that place or in that Country till We receive the Grants for it. The Havildar resides at Conjeveram Where You will be pleased to Send the Letter As soon as it comes to hand.

Fort St. David
15th. July 1750.

I am
Gentlemen
Your most humble Servant
Stringer Lawrence.

P.S.
I omitted to mention that I think a Couple of Peons with a small set of Colours hoisted at the Principle Town in the Poonamalee Country is all that is necessary.

S.L.

No. 25

To Richard Prince Esqr.
and
Mr. Charles Boddam.

Gentlemen,

As I was in dailey expectation of Messrs. Starke and Powney's arrival I deferr'd answering yours of the 18th. Instant in hopes I should learn from them what might be the reasons that induced You to give me a reprimand in Terms so little becoming the Character of a Gentleman, Although the above nam'd Gentlemen Sign'd the Letter they tell me they were of Opinion that it ought to be softned; I cannot Express my own Sentiments of it with the Decency that Publick Letters require, therefore shall send them to Mr. Prince in a private one that accompany's this. I am

Gentlemen
Fort St. David
Your humble Servant
1st. August 1750.
Stringer Lawrence.

No. 26

To Richard Prince Esqr.
Deputy Governr. &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Gentlemen

The 27th. Instant arriv'd here Messrs. Starke and Powney, and Yesterday We receiv'd your Letter of the 28th. and by the Speedwell Ketch a Duplicate of the 10th. Ulto. We are much Concern'd at the melancholly Accident poor Mr. Smith has met with, and for the Reasons You give think You jndg'd very proper to appoint Mr. William Perceval to the Charge of his Employs of Sea and Land Customer and therefore would have you Continue him therein, but We can't possibly grant him a Seat at your Board 'till Mr. Saunders's arrival as there are many Gentlemen Senior to him in the Service Who may probably Desire that Station.

By the Don Carlos that will sail in two or three Days We intend sending You a Supply of Twenty thousand Pagodas and as We have already Seven thousand in Gold hope to be able to send You a Moiety in that Specie, the other Moiety will be in Rupees, as We are uncertain when We shall have it in our power to procure more Pagodas.

As the Company have no spare Table Furniture here, nor was it thought proper to make any for the Use of Mr. Griffin or Mr. Boscawen when they were here, Therefore as Mr. Lisle's Stay will in all likelihood be very short at your Place, We think during that Interval He may have the use of the Companys that You have already with You.

One of the Boats that came down with Messrs. Starke and Powney being return'd without giving the least Notice, to the head Boatmen here, We desire the People belonging to her may be punished, for that Action her Number was 30.

The Grantham sail'd the 27th. Ulto. in the Morning for China.

We are
Gentlemen
Your most humble Servants
Stringer Lawrence.
Richard Starke.
Henry Powney.

Fort St. David
1st. August 1750.

No. 27

To Richard Prince Esqr.
Deputy Govr. &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Gentlemen

We have receiv'd your Letter of the 3d. Instant and agreable to what We wrote You the 1st. We now send You by the Don Carlos the Supply of twenty thousand (20000) Pagodas of which ten is in Gold as ℔ Invoice and Bill of Lading inclosed; The small Quantity of Stationary Ware We have yet receiv'd being Insufficient for the use of our Several Offices, We are incapable of Supplying You with any at present therefore would have You purchase any You may meet with for your own Occasions.

When any Vessells are bound from hence to the Bay We shall Endeavour to prevail with their Commanders to call at Fort St. George for the Redwood.

We are
Gentlemen,
Your Affectionate Friends & Servts.

Stringer Lawrence.
Richard Starke.
Henry Powney.

Fort St. David
8th. August 1750.

No. 28

To Richard Prince Esqr.
Deputy Governour &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Gentlemen

We have received your Letter of the 8th. Instant and should be glad We had it in our Power to send You such an Assistant as You are in want of, but the insufficient Number of Covenanted Servants to carry on the several Branches of the Company's Business here has reduced Us to the necessity of Entertaining several monthly Assistants, of which We have sent You Mr. James Bourchier, whom We leave it to you to appoint to such Employment in which you may judge He will be most usefull, 'till We are in a better capacity to send You another.

We have made enquiry of Mr. Clive concerning the Table Furniture, and have receiv'd from him a List of what is remaining here, Which as We are to Windward and Mr. Lisle may therefore probably call here before He proceeds to You We purpose keeping to send by him, but should He arrive with You first immediately, on

being Advised of it, We shall Dispatch it to you, being of opinion it is not worth while putting the Hoñble Company to the Expence of a new Set for the short time there is a likelihood of his continuing on the Coast.

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your most humble Servants

STRINGER LAWRENCE.
RICHARD STARKE.
HENRY POWNEY.

FORT S^{T}. DAVID
14TH. AUGUST 1750.

N°. 29

To RICHARD PRINCE ESQ^{R}.
PROVISIONAL GOV^{R}. &C^{A}.
COUNCIL FOR AFFAIRS OF THE HOÑBLE UNITED
EAST INDIA COMPANY ON THE COROMANDEL COAST.

SIRS

I have rec'd your Favours of the 9th. and 16th. Instant inclosing Copy of our Hoñble Masters General Letter ℔ Lynn wherein I observe the regulations they have been pleas'd to make and shall you may be assured endeavour to be with you as soon as possible but as this according to the Season may not be till the middle or latter end of the month I am perswaded you will take the necessary steps in transacting every thing according to the directions received by the several Ships this year what sum more immediately to require your Consideration are a Quick dispach of the Ships for China, the sending to the Bay the Bullion that is coined, by those bound to that Port concerting Measures with the Gentlemen in Bengall in regard to the Tonnage advising what number of Bales may be expected by January and requesting the necessary Salt Petre, about 400 will go from hence in August and 200 or 250 may be got by December M^{r}. Goodere will advise of the number at Ingeram, but few can be expected from Ganjam as M^{r}. Andrews has been in troubles from the Moors Government The Particulars of which I am not yet acquainted with, at his request we sent him a Party of Men under Command of Lieutenant Grunt to take care of the Company's Effects, By Letters already received you will be sensible of the necessity of a Supply of Madrass Pagodas and Rupees for the Northern Investments on which our Hoñble Masters lay a Particular Stress which I hope you will please to consider as the Season is already far advanced, I am entirely unacquainted with the orders that may have come out by the several Ships but am thoroughly Satisfied of your strict observance of them and must recommend that you will please to let the several Books Accounts and Papers be in readiness to be forwarded by the September Ships for England.

I am
SIRS
Your most Obedient humble Servant
THOMAS SAUNDERS.

VIZAGAPATAM
23^{D}. JULY 1750.

N°. 30

To RICHARD PRINCE ESQ^{R}.
DEPUTY GOVER^{R}. & COUNCIL OF FORT S^{T}. GEORGE.

GENTLEMEN

We have now to Acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 17th. Inclosing Duplicate of one of the 16th. with the Invoice & Second Bill of Lading of the Rice & Chairs by the Don Carlos, which Ship is not yet Arrived.

We have Acquainted our Import Warehousekeeper with what you Mention'd relating to the Deficiency in the Several Supplys of Rupees sent you and by what he tells us of the Precaution used by the Under Warehousekeeper in having them Weighed on being Received from the Mint into the Warehouse, and Packed and Chested likewise in his Presence when shipp'd off to Prevent any Embezlment we

really can't tell how to Account for it, however we have directed him to be Particularly Carefull to Prevent the like in future and we hope we shall thereby obviate your having any reason for further Complaint on that Account.

We are at a Loss to Guess by your Letter, what are the Standing Orders You Request may be sent You, As You have been already Acquainted with our Honble Masters directions Received this Year Regarding the Investment, and what relates to the Disposal of the Europe Goods we shall Furnish you with as soon as the President Arrives, when we shall likewise send you any Instructions you may Stand in Need of for your Guidance in your Proceedings.

That the Redwood may be in Readiness to be Shipp'd on board any Conveyances we may Procure to Carry it to the Bay as the Season now Advances, we think it Necessary that What we have Contracted for with Austekery Narrain should be weighed and Cut as soon as you receive it which You will therefore order to be done.

As Lieutenant Cooke proposes resigning his Adjutancy Lieutenant Bulkley now takes his Passage on the Ruby to succed him in that Employ.

The Letter from the Deputy Governour & Mr. Boddam inclosing Copy of one from the Honble President We have received, but before it came to hand, the Presidents Original One, Arrived with us.

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your most humble Servant

STRINGER LAWRENCE.
RICHARD STARKE.
HENRY POWNEY.

FORT St. DAVID
24th. AUGUST 1750.

P.S.

Just now arrived the London, Captain Wm. Sedgwicke from England, She left Plymouth the 1st. of April in Company with the Kent and parted with her the same Night. She Spoke with the Benjamin Capt. Meard near the Equinoctial the 18th. May, which Ship is bound for this Coast and Bengall.

S.L.
R.S.
H.P.

No. 31

To RICHARD PRINCE Esqr.
DEPUTY GOVERNOR &Cª. COUNCIL OF FORT St. GEORGE.

GENTLEMEN

The 31st. Ultimo We had your Letter of the 27th. Ultimo & with respect to the standing orders had it been ever usual to furnish the Subordinate Settlements with any other received from our Honble Masters than what immediately related to them We should on your first Application have order'd a Copy of those lately received and the Book which was sent here from Madrass since the Restitution of that place to have been immediately set about tho': they are very numerous, but as that was never practised and only such Extracts transmitted from Fort St. George to this place & the Northern Settlements as directly regarded such Branches of the Company's Business as were carrying on at those Settlements, We shall act in the same manner & When there may be any that is Necessary You should be acquainted with we shall send them to You accordingly.

The Redwood that has been contracted for with Austekery Narain, You must receive from him or his People and after Weighing it off get it cut into Proper lengths for Shipping on board the London Who will be dispatched to you to take it in a day or two hence. The Quantity you mention of Mr. Hallyburton's that was in a manner

contracted for by you in Consequence of orders from hence: If We mistake not, was sent to Bengal on the two Sloops or the greatest part of it, which occasioned the late President to direct Mr. Starke to Contract with Austekery Narain for a further Quantity & tho' You take notice of its being at a higher price than that of Mr. Hallyburton's, We must observe to You it is at a Cheaper Rate than what has been provided here for some Years past & as this will Sufficiently Supply our Present occasions We cannot approve of your accepting of Mr. Hallyburton's.

The only Stationary Ware we have rec'd this Year was a small supply by the Grantham which being unsufficient for our own occasions We have been obliged to purchase some out of the Ships & as some of them will call at your place We must leave it to You to supply your wants in the same manner.

The 31 Ultimo Arrived with us the Honble Company's Ship Kent from England & Yesterday the Benjamin & and the Severn from Bombay bound for Bengal the Lord Anson Capt. Fowles for Bombay sail'd with the Benjamin from Johanna & the true Briton bound for China left England in Company with her.

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your most humble Servants

STRINGER LAWRENCE.
RICHARD STARKE.
GEORGE PIGOT.

FORT St. DAVID
5th. SEPTEMBER 1750.

P.S.

As Benjamin Robins Esqr. proceeds on this Ship to take a Survey of your Fortifications We inclose You the 2d. Paragraph of the Honble Company's Seperate Letter of the 8th. December respecting him which You must Strictly Comply with.

EXTRACT of the General Letter from England dated the 8th. December 1749 relating to the Engineer rec'd ℔ Ship Grantham.

Para. the 2d. The same Civil and Military Honours are to be paid to Mr. Robins as to the Third in Council, and as You value our future favour, You and all our Servants in general are, as well in your Private as Public Capacitys to behave in such a manner to him as may facilitate the Execution of his Plan.

A true Copy.

Attested by me.
CHARs. BOURCHIER
Secy.

No. 32.

To RICHARD PRINCE ESQR.
DEPUTY GOVERR. &CA. COUNCIL OF
FORT Sr. GEORGE.

GENTLEMEN

We have just received your Letter of the 3d. instant and with concern read the Mutinous disposition Your Garrison is of. We now Send you Our Honble Master's Ship Swallow with Captain Scrimsour's Company of Soldiers consisting of Seventy one Men Officers included, we would have You Prepare Boats Sufficient to land them all together, they are Old Soldiers in the Service and we think Men You may depend on. In regard to the Pay of Your Garrison we consent to their having 12 fanams for each Rupee Agreable to what You have Promised, till Such time we can procure Pagodas Sufficient to pay them in that Specie. As to what they say concerning Major Lawrence's Promising them 21 Shillings & 6 Pence ℔ Month, that Gentleman Assures us, is false, And that all the Officers must remember his Acquainting them they were to receive 2½ Pagodas free of deduction which at 8 Shillings ℔ Pagoda was 20 Shills. and no more. We are in hourly Expectations of Mr. Saunders's Arrival, when Major Lawrence will set out for your Place, and We shall then write more Particularly on this difference in the Pay of the Military and give directions how it must be brought to Account in the Company's Books.

You must not keep this Ship longer than is necessary to put on board what Bales You have ready and We would have You Send on board her in Irons Lawrence & Carter the two deserters that have been Prisoners some time at your Place.

We shall tomorrow dispatch to Your Place our Honble Masters Ship London and must recommend to You to have every thing in such Readyness for her that she may be detain'd as short a time as possible as she must call at Vizagapatam in her way to Bengal and the Season is now far Advanced.

Three of the Kent's People having left the Ship last Night whose names are Fenby, Cutliff & King & taken the Boat with them. As We have reason to Apprehend they are gone after Capt. Robertson's Sloop & may be found on board her at Your Place, We therefore direct that You order her to be immediately Search'd & those Persons to be Secur'd if taken & sent back Prisoners on the Swallow, & the Boat if found Return'd by her likewise.

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your most humble Servants

STRINGER LAWRENCE.
RICHARD STARKE.
GEORGE PIGOT.

FORT ST. DAVID
6TH. SEPTEMBER 1750.

No. 33

TO RICHARD PRINCE ESQ.
DEPUTY GOVER. &CA. COUNCIL OF
FORT ST. GEORGE.

GENTLEMEN

We wrote you yesterday by the Swallow that Sail'd last Night and we send this by Our Honble Masters Ship London Capt. William Sedgwick, to take in the Redwood we have directed to be put on board her, which must be done with all Possible Expedition and that Ship not detain'd any longer than whilst that can be Effected on any Pretence Whatever, as she must call at Vizagapatam to Deliver the Supply of Treasure we have sent by her for the Northern Settlements. We are

GENTLEMEN
Your most humble Servants

STRINGER LAWRENCE.
&CA.

FORT ST. DAVID
7TH. SEPTEMBER 1750.

No. 34

TO RICHARD PRINCE ESQR.
DEPUTY GOVERR. &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

GENTLEMEN

Yesterday arrived here the Fort St. George from Madagascar with a hundred & fifteen Slaves & as We purpose sending her home this season the Kent and Benjamin will in very few days be dispatched to Bengall. They have each Coral &ca. for your Place and We shall therefore give the Commanders Directions just to call in & deliver the same. We would have you immediately on Receipt hereof advise the Gentlemen to whom it is consign'd to prepare Boats to land the same immediately on their Appearance in the Offing that they may not be at all detain'd. The Fort St. George being in great want of an Eighteen Inch Cable We therefore direct that one of that size or as near it as you have got be sent Us by the Swallow.

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your most humble Servants

STRINGER LAWRENCE
RICHARD STARKE
HENRY POWNEY
GEORGE PIGOT

FORT ST: DAVID
8th. SEPTEMBER 1750

N°. 35.

To Richard Prince Esqr.
Deputy Gover^r. &c^a. Council of Fort S^t. George.

Gentlemen

The Honble Company's Ship Fort S^t. George that We propose dispatching for Europe this Season being in much want of Salt Provisions for her passage, Occasions the Present to direct you to make Application to Capt. Joseph Knight of His Majesty's Ship Ruby for 25 Casks of Beef and 15 Casks of Pork which as soon as you receive from him We would have sent hither by the Swallow if she is not return'd otherwise by Boat or in the best manner you are able with all possible Expedition and We will forward Capt. Knight Three Bills of Exchange for the Amount of it on the Honble Company.

We are

Gentlemen
Your most Obedient humble Servants

Fort S^t. David
9th. September 1750.

Stringer Lawrence
Richard Starke
Henry Powney
George Pigot

N°. 36.

To Richard Prince Esqr.
Deputy Govr. &c^a. Council of Fort S^t. George.

Gentlemen

That the Kent & Benjamin might carry as large a Supply of Rupees as possible to Bengal, we did not give them their Dispatche's till the 14th. and the Commanders being of Opinion that by Putting to the East Ward directly from hence they might have a Quicker Passage to Bay: We landed the Private Silver and Coral here; Inclosed are the marks & Numbers of Such Chests as our Warehousekeeper gave a receipt for, and the Same if Agreable to the Gentlemen to whom their Consigned may be put on board the Swallow which Ship is now coming in & will be returned to you in few days.

We have received your Letter of the 11th. and are glad to hear Your Military give You no further reason to Complain of their behaviour. What Copper Cash, & Doodes can be got ready shall be sent by the Swallow but our Mint People have been so fully employ'd that we have not been able to coin any hitherto. We shall also send you some Stationary Ware, which We have purchased of the Officers in the Ships here.

We are

Gentlemen
Your most humble Servants

Fort S^t. David
16th. September 1750.

Stringer Lawrence
Richard Starke
Henry Powney
George Pigot

Account of Coral, Ostrich Feathers, and Silver Licenced to be Shipp'd on board the Kent for Fort St. David by the following Persons to Purchase Diamonds Viz^{t}.

Thomas Godfrey ...	1 Case Markt ...	T.G. N°. 5	Containing Coral Beads value	£	800	—	—
Lewis Mendes ...	1 Chest ...	LM N°. 1 B	Ditto		841	—	—
Natal Levi Sonsino...	1 Ditto ...	N S N°. 2	Ditto		350	—	—
Abraham and Jacob Franco	1 Ditto ...	✡	7 Ditto		850	—	—
	1 Ditto ...	✡ F	8 Ditto		1525	—	—
	1 Ditto ...	M I F	17 Ditto		350	—	—
	1 Ditto ...	I D	41 Ditto		645	—	—
	1 Ditto ...	FF S	40 Ditto		675	—	—
Joseph Salvador ...	1 Box Markt ...	F B N°. 3 S	Contain Coral Beads Value		320	—	—
	1 Ditto ...	F B N°.	4 Ditto		320	—	—
	1 Ditto ...	✡	1 Ditto		435	—	—
	1 Ditto ...	E	1 Ditto		525	—	—
	1 Ditto ...	ME F	1 Ostrich Feathers ...		25	—	—
	1 Ditto ...	L S	3 Coral Beads ...		185	—	—
	1 Ditto ...	IF	1 Ditto		550	—	—
Abraham Fernandes Nunes	1 Chest ...	NF	3 Ditto		175	—	—
George Challoner ...	1 Ditto ...	IF	4 Ditto		700	—	—
David de Castro ...	1 Ditto ...	IBC	20 Ditto		150	—	—
	1 Ditto ...	IBC	21 Ditto		980	—	—
	1 Ditto ...	TAD	4 Ditto		915	—	—
	1 Ditto ...	SB	1 Ditto		525	—	—
				£	11841	—	—
Solomon Nathan ...	1 Ditto ...	MBH N°. 2	Containing Foreign Silver.		2000	—	—
Levy & Ruben Solomons	1 Ditto ...	LRS	1 Ditto		4000	—	—
	1 Ditto ...	LRS	2 Ditto		4000	—	—
	1 Ditto ...	LRS B	3 Ditto		4000	—	—
Herman Zurhost ...	1 Ditto ...	HGH	1 Ditto		3000	—	—
Abraham and Jacob Franco	1 Ditto ...	AIF	9 Ditto		3000	—	—
George Arnold & Joseph Solomons ...	1 Ditto ...	AS	1 Ditto		4000	—	—
	1 Ditto ...	AS	2 Ditto		4000	—	—
Michæl Salomons ...	1 Ditto ...	MS	3 Ditto		4000	—	—
Phineas Serra ...	1 Ditto ...	I F F	2 Ditto		1500	—	—
David de Castro ...	1 Ditto ...	AM	10 Ditto in 3 Ingotts...		1744	—	—
			Ounces ...		35244	—	—

Ex.I.E.

London the 25th. January 1749.

Robert James
Sec^{y}.

ACCOUNT of Coral and Silver Licenced to be Shipp'd on board the London for Fort St. David by the following Persons to Purchase Diamonds. Viz^{t}.

Thomas Godfrey ...	1 Case Markt ...	TGN°. 6 Containing Coral Beads Value		£ 800	— —
David de Castro ...	1 Chest ...	IBC No. 17 Ditto		540	— —
	1 ditto ...	IBC No. 18 Ditto		360	— —
	1 ditto ...	B N°. 1 Ditto		260	— —
	1 ditto ...	M N°. 3 Ditto		315	— —
Abraham & Jacob Franco.	1 ditto ...	☩ N°. 9 Ditto		760	— —
	1 ditto ...	Do. No. 10 Ditto		780	— —
	1 ditto ...	FM N°. 3 Ditto		500	— —
	1 ditto ...	FM N°. 4 Ditto		420	— —
	1 ditto ...	FM N°. 5 Ditto		480	— —
	1 ditto ..	FM N°. 6 Ditto		820	— —
	1 ditto ...	MFI N°. 18 Ditto		400	— —
	1 ditto ...	IFM No. 33 Ditto		530	— —
	1 ditto ...	IFD N°. 40 Ditto		670	— —
Judah Supino ...	1 Box ...	M N°. 1 Ditto		375	— —
	1 Ditto ...	ME N°. 1 Ditto		190	— —
Natal Levi Sonsino...	1 Chest ...	LRV N°. 1 Ditto		720	— —
	1 ditto ...	C N°. 11 Ditto		400	— —
	1 ditto ...	SS N°. 2 Ditto		250	—
Joseph Salvador ...	1 Box ...	✡ N°. 3 Ditto		560	— —
	1 Ditto ...	✡ N°. 4 Ditto		150	— —
				£ 10280	— —
John Turner ...	1 Chest Markt.	CF No. 1 Containing Foreign Silver.		2000	— —
Joseph Solomon & Theodore Cock.	1 ditto ...	SC No. 1 Ditto		4000	— —
Michæl Salomons ...	1 ditto ...	MPS N°. 2 Ditto		4000	— —
	1 ditto ...	M S No. 3 Ditto		4000	— —
David Salomons ...	1 ditto ...	MRS N°. 1 Ditto		1100	— —
Nathan Salomons ...	1 ditto ...	NS N°. 8 Ditto		4000	— —
George Arnold & Joseph Salomons.	1 ditto ...	AS N°. 3 Ditto		4000	— —
	1 ditto ...	AS N°. 4 Ditto		4000	— —
Solomon Nathan ...	1 ditto ...	MBH N°. 3 Ditto		2000	— —
David de Castro ...	1 ditto ...	AD N°. 2 Ditto		1200	— —
	1 ditto ...	DC N°. 2 Ditto		524	10 —
	1 ditto ...	AM N°. 9 Ditto. in 3 Ingotts ...		1851	15 —
			Ounces	32676	5 —

E. E. I.
LONDON THE 25TH. JANUARY 1749/50.

ROBERT JAMES,
Sec^{y}.

ACCOUNT of Silver, Coral Diamonds and Precious Stones Licenced to be Shipp'd on board the Benjamin for Fort St. David by the following Persons to Purchase Diamonds. Viz^{t}.

John Daniel Dreyer.	1 Chest Markt...	GB No. 3 Containing Foreign Silver.	3730	— —
Henry & Peter Muilman and Joseph Salomons.	1 Ditto ...	M◇S N°. 1 Ditto	4000	— —
	1 Ditto ...	M◇S N°. 2 Ditto	4000	— —

Jacob Pereira ...	1 Ditto	...	SF N°. 1 Ditto	...	...	2000	—	—
	1 Ditto	...	LFC N°. 1 Ditto	...	...	2000	—	—
Aron Goldsmid ...	1 Ditto	...	MBH N°. 5 Ditto	...	...	2500	—	—
David de Castro ...	1 Ditto	...	IBC N°. 22 Ditto	...	...	4336	—	—
	1 Ditto	...	AM N°. 11 Ditto	...	...	2169	10	—
David Levy ...	1 Ditto	...	DL N°. 7 Ditto	...	...	1500	—	—
Michæl Salomons ...	1 Ditto	...	MS N°. 5 Ditto	...	...	2000	—	—
					Ounces	28,235	10	—
Abraham Fernandes Nunes.	1 Chest Markt...		NF N°. 4 Containing Coral Beads.			£ 460	—	—
David de Castro ...	1 Ditto	...	ℭ N°. 1 Ditto	...	...	450	—	—
George Challoner ...	1 Ditto	...	I+F N°. 5 Ditto	...	...	900	—	—
	1 Ditto	...	I+F N°. 6 Ditto	...	...	800	—	—
	1 Ditto	...	I+F N°. 7 Ditto	...	...	800	—	—
Solomon Norden *junr.*	1 Box	...	MBH N°. 1 Diamonds & Precious Stones.			360	—	—
					£	3770	—	—

Ex. I. E
London the 31st. March 1750.

Robert James
Secy.

N°. 37

To the Worshipfull Richard Prince Esqr.
Deputy Governor of Fort S^t^. George &c^a^. Council.

Worshipfull Sir & Sirs

This Serves to Cover you Invoice & Bill of Lading for Thirty three Bales of Sallampores sent by the Dolphin Snow Capt. William Bonady.

I am
Worshipfull Sir & Sirs,
Your most Obedient & most
Obliged Humble Servant

Ganjam
September the 12th. 1750.

John Andrews.

N°. 38

To Richard Prince Esqr.
Deputy Gover^r^. &c^a^. Council of Fort S^t^. George.

Gentlemen

We have received your Letter of the 16th. and are greatly obliged to Captain Knight for the Provisions he has spared us for the Fort S^t^. George, & will as soon as Commodore Lisle arrives here account with him for the same.

We think you acted quite right in Hoisting the English Flag in the Killedar of Poonamallee's Fort at his request: And your sending a Party under the Command of Captain Campbell on the Alarm you had, appears to us equally Commendable. We are so sensible of the importance it is to the Company's Affairs to prevent that part of the Country falling into the hands of an Enemy, that We don't doubt but our Honble Masters will approve of the Steps taken, and as it may also be the means of binding the Killedar to our Interest, we must recommend to you to support him to the utmost of your Power, and advise us as often as any thing material may occur.

As it is necessary We should know the quantity of Cloth you have on hand either Embaled, or at the Wash, you must incert the Same at the foot of your Letters, and in your next you will please to let us know what Number of Bales you may expect by the End of December.

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your most Humble Servants

STRINGER LAWRENCE.
RICHARD STARKE.
HENRY POWNEY.
GEORGE PIGOT.

FORT ST. DAVID
17TH. SEPTEMBER 1750.

N°. 39

To RICHARD PRINCE ESQR.
DEPUTY GOVERR. &C$_A$. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

GENTLEMEN,

The President Arrived here the 18th. and the day after We received your Letter Advising his having called at Madrass and his departure from thence the day following. The Gentlemen at Bengall having Advised us they shall be in Want of Redwood for the dispatch of their Ships, if you Could procure freight for the same by the Lancaster or other Shipping bound to the Bay, we would have you send what you can, and as we may have a Conveyance here for a further Quantity should any Opportunity offer for this place send us with the greatest dispatch Two or Three hundred Candy.

As Copy of our Honourable Masters Commands by the Lynn were transmitted you soon after her Arrival here you have doubtless Complied with the 15th. Paragraph relating to the Madrass Books and Papers that were found in the Several Offices, when the Town was deliver'd up to the Commissaries You must therefore transmit the List thereof to us that it may be sent to England by the Fort St. George.

The Norfolk having Arrived with us this Afternoon, We would have you Acquaint the Gentlemen Who have any Consignments of Coral & Silver on board to send their Bills of Lading for the same to their Attorneys here that it may be landed as early as possible, and Inclosed you have the Manifest thereof. We are

GENTLEMEN
Your Affect: Friends & Servants

THOMAS SAUNDERS.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
RICHARD STARKE.
HENRY POWNEY.
GEORGE PIGOT.

FORT ST. DAVID
21ST. SEPTEMBER 1750.

ACCOUNT OF SILVER LICENCED TO BE SHIPPED ON BOARD THE NORFOLK FOR FORT ST. DAVID TO PURCHASE DIAMONDS.

Nathan Salomons	1 Chest	Markt. NS N°. 3	Foreign Silver.	3000	— —
	1 Ditto	NS N°. 4	Ditto	2870	— —
			Ounces	5870	— —

ROBERT JAMES,
Secy.

LONDON 12TH. JANUARY 1749/50.

N°. 40

To Richard Prince Esqr.
Deputy Governor &c^a. Council of Fort S^t. George.

Gentlemen

We have received your Letters of the 19th. and 20th. Instant and the Lapwing has deliver'd the Provisions you mention in the former.

The Swallow brings you this with what Madeira Wine she could take in, some Stationary Ware, Gun Carriages and Stores M^r. Robins acquaints us you are in want of: The Invoice of which will be sent overland.

This Ship brings also such Chests of Coral and Private Silver as the Gentlemen at your place have desired their Agents here to lade on her. By the Boats that go off for these things you may send on board what Bales you have ready, but we would not have you keep her longer than is absolutely necessary on any Account.

Commodore Lisle Arrived here the 22^d. and sail'd this morning for your Place.

We are

Fort S^t. David
26th. September 1750.

Gentlemen
Your Affectionate Friends & Servants

Thomas Saunders.
Stringer Lawrence.
Richard Starke.
Henry Powney.
George Pigot.

N°. 41

To Richard Prince Esqr.
Deputy Gover^r. &c^a. Council of Fort S^t. George.

Gentlemen

We have received your Letters of the 24th. and 25th. Ultimo, with the Several Papers & Accounts inclosed; M^r. Lisle was sail'd from hence before the last of these Came to Hand; You must therefore Account with him for the Rice You Spared Captain Knight, as also for the Provisions M^r. Lisle may please to let us have for the Fort S^t. George over and above the Ten Casks we received by the Lapwing from Madrass. You must be careful to send Us these Accounts as also such other Papers as are to go home by the Fort S^t. George, between this and the 12th. Instant.

We are

Fort S^t. David
2^D. October 1750.

Gentlemen
Your Affectionate Friends & Ser^ts.

Thomas Saunders.
Stringer Lawrence.
George Pigot.
Foss Westcott.

No. 42

To Richard Prince Esqr.
Deputy Gover^r. &C^a. Council of Fort S^t. George.

Gentlemen

M^r. Lisle having acquainted Us he is under a necessity of leaving several Naval Stores belonging to his Majesty, in India, and desiring also that We would appoint some Person to receive and give proper Receipts for the Same. We would have your Storekeeper take Charge of them, and he must be particularly Careful, to let Us have an Exact Account thereof sent up with the Papers We wrote for yesterday to go Home by the Fort S^t. George.

We are

Fort S^t. David
3^D. October 1750.

Gentlemen
Your Affectionate Friends & Ser^ts.

Thomas Saunders.
Richard Starke.
Henry Powney.
George Pigot.
Foss Westcott.
Alexander Wynch.

No. 43

To Richard Prince Esqr.
Deputy Governor &Ca. Council of Fort S^t. George.

Gentlemen

We have receiv'd your Letters of the 28th. Two of the 29th. 30th. of September, 2^d. and 12th. October, and have Landed the Redwood You sent Us on Four Country Boats making in the whole Two hundred and seventy Candies. Gruapa and Parcy Chitty who were Advanced Five thousand Pagodas last Year for Red Wood have delivered here 900 Candies and Acquaint Us they have landed 1100 more at Madrass if so you will please to Advise Us.

Our Hoñble Masters having thought proper to direct that all Encouragement possible may be given to the Natives and the greatest Justice shewn them that they may the readier be induced to Reside under their Protection; We doubt not but You will Comply therewith. And having also directed Us to Discourage as much as possible that Pernicious Vice of Gaming, Which They acquaint Us has lately been too much Practised. We are to Recommend to You to see this part of their Commands Strictly Executed, and on Receipt hereof to Summon Your Inhabitants and make known to them that it is the Company's Positive Order all such of their Servants or Officers as shall hereafter be guilty of this Vice, shall be Suspended or Dismissed their Service; and that such Others as are not therein shall meet their Proper Resentment.

We have received by the Swallow the Thirty Six Bales with the Books and Papers You sent on her.

M^r. Taylor has sent up the List of Stores left in his Care by M^r. Lisle but We have not Time at Present to look Over it.

We are

Fort S^t. David
16TH. October 1750.

Gentlemen
Your Affect. Friends &
Servants
Thomas Saunders.

N°. 44

To Richard Prince Esqr.
Deputy Govʳnour &c^a. Council of Fort S^t. George.

Gentlemen

We have Receiv'd yours of the 22^d. Instant to which We shall now reply, as well as to such other parts of your Letters now before Us, unanswered.

Being sensible the Preservation of the Fort at Poonamallee is of the utmost Consequence to our Honble Masters Affairs, We would have You as soon as conveniently may be, send thither such Guns as You can spare, and judge necessary for it's defence.

Having transmitted to England the List of Stores belonging to His Majesty which M^r. Lisle left at this Place and Madrass, We would have You apply to M^r. Taylor for another, that We may acquaint him what part thereof We think Proper for the Company's Use.

You will receive the Eleven hundred Candies of Redwood landed by Gruapah & Parcy Chittee and acquaint Us what further Quantity You have on hand.

For want of Your Calculate of Quick Stock We have been able to send a very imperfect one home, and what our Honble Masters will have reason to be but little pleas'd with. Directions to all the Subordinates have been so frequently given in regard hereto, that We are surprized You could neglect Sending your's, and the more so, as by turning to the Letter from hence of the 29th. January, We find the late President transmitted to the Deputy Governour Copy of the Company's Commands ℔ Lapwing wherein there are very particular directions on this head.

M^r. Thomas Cooke will set out from hence shortly whom We have appointed Second of Council at Your Place. His Salary has been paid here to the 25th. Ult^o., as will his other Allowances to the last of this Month.

As M^r. Smith acquaints You he is able to take upon him his Employ of Land Customer, You will let him act therein, and M^r. Cooke on his arrival will receive from him that of Accountant.

You must Credit Us Fifteen thousand Pagodas for the following Sums advanced your Merchants here in December and January last Viz^t.

Tellesinga Chittee &c^a. Pagodas five thousand	5000
Sunca Vencaty Ramah &c^a. five thousand	5000
Gundaveddy Vencaty Ramah &c^a. five thousand	5000
Pagodas ...	15000

Being in great want of Coals We would have You send Us by the Return of a Chellinga now going to Your Place, As many Chaldrons as she can take in, also a Bale of Supra fine and another of Fine Scarlet Broad Cloth.

We are

Fort S^t. David
31st. October 1750.

Gentlemen
Your Affectionate Friends &
Servants

Thomas Saunders.
Richard Starke.
Henry Powney.
George Pigot.
Alexander Wynch.
Foss Westcott.

N°. 45.

To Richard Prince Esqr.
Deputy Governour &c^a: Council of Fort S^t. George.

Gentlemen

We have Permitted Six Boats to return to Your Place, and You will send Us six others in their stead.

On them We have laden 14 Bales containing 86 Corge of Baftaes, which are to be deliver'd to Tornapah Chitty &c^a. Painters with

Moorees	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	100 Corge
Lampasses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10

We have Paid them the ballance of Their Account being ... ... Pag^s. 491 10 38 And
Advanced them more for Paintings ... ... 4000 — —
Pag^s. 4491 10 38

which Sum You must Credit Us for.

In your next advise Us what may have been Collected on Account S^t. Thomé &c^a. Villages.

We are
Gentlemen
Your Affectionate Friends
& Ser^ts.

Fort S^t. David
3^D. Novem^r. 1750.

Thomas Saunders.
Richard Starke.
Henry Powney.
George Pigot.
Foss Westcott.
Alexander Wynch.

N°. 46.

To Richard Prince Esqr.
Deputy Governor &c^a. Council of Fort S^t. George.

Gentlemen

Two of the Boats dispatch'd to You a few days past with some Jugdea Baftaes and a General Letter, having return'd. Agreeable to the Orders of the Hoñble President and Council, I now forward You inclosed the Latter by Peons Overland, and am

Gentlemen
Your most humble
Servant
Charles Bourchier,
Secr^y.

Fort S^t. David
13TH. Novembfr 1750.

N°. 47.

To the Worshipfull Richard Prince Esqr.
Deputy Governour &c^a. Council of Fort S^t. George.

Gentlemen

We observe what You write Us in Your Letter of the 27th. Ult°. concerning S^t. Thomé, the Sum collected for the last year seems to be but small, We imagine that it might be let out to responsible Persons in the same manner as the other Villages

for five years on much better terms and as We conclude that a Number of Inhabitants and Merchants must have resorted to Your Place since it was restored its our intention that the other Branches of your Revenues may be let also We would therefore have you enquire what You can get for them for one year and advise Us of it before you grant them.

You will deliver to Tonnapah Chitty &c^{a}. Painters the Syrashes and Lampasses brought in by Linga Chitty and Tremungalom Comrapah and when finish'd receive them into Your Warehouse.

As M^{r}. Robins intends shortly to visit Your Settlement We would have no further repair be made to Poonamalee Fort than is immediately Necessary.

Send us as soon as possible the

Mint Account Ending April 1745
Export Warehousekeeper's Ditto
Import Ditto
Paymaster Ditto
Sea Customers Ditto
Land Customers Ditto & Storekeepers

As the Casuality of War and Shipping may render supplys of Grain precarious by Sea please to inform yourselves what quantity of Grain S^{t}. Thome and other Villages under your districts would afford You in case of Necessity.

The Month of January being a Proper Time for disposing of the Copper let it be put up at Publick Outcry giving a month notice it must be sold for prompt payment as We are apprehensive our Occasions will require it.

After having wrote the foregoing arrived here yesterday the Mussoolah, with your Letter of the 3^{d}. Instant inclosing Invoice and Bill of Lading for the Scarlet Cloth by her.

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your Affectionate Friends & Ser^{ts}.

FORT S^{t}. DAVID
7TH. DECEMBER 1750.

THOMAS SAUNDERS.
RICHARD SMARKE.
HENRY POWNEY.
GEORGE PIGOT.
FOSS WESTCOTT.
ALEXANDER WYNCH.

N°. 48.

TO THE WORSHIPFULL RICHARD PRINCE ESQ^{R}.
DEPUTY GOVERNOR &C^{A}.
COUNCIL OF FORT S^{T}. GEORGE.

WORSH^{L}. SIR & SIRS,

By advices received last night from the Camp We are informed Nazir Jing has been cut off by the Candanore Nabob; tis supposed that Shawnabtz Cawn and Mora Pundet who were in the French Interest were the Persons who managed this Affair: As the French with about 2000 Seapoys enter'd the Rear of the Army at the time Pitch'd upon for the execution of the Plot, Tis said Nazir Jing's Brother, Mahomed Alley, and the Moratta General, with some Troops have taken the Rout of Arcot, and that Erat Mahoodeen Cawn is declared Prince of the Empire and has received

homage from the several Commander's in the Army; This is what is come to our Knowledge which We advise you of that you may take the necessary Caution.

We are
Worshᵖ. Sir & Sirs,
Your Affectionate Friends & Servants

Fort Sᵗ. David
7ᵀᴴ. December 1750.

Thomas Saunders.
Richard Starke.
Henry Powney.
George Pigot.
Foss Westcott.
Alexᴿ. Wynch.

Nº. 49.

To the Worshipᵖ. Richard Prince Esqᴿ.
Deputy Governor &cᴬ.
Council of Fort Sᵗ. George.

Worshᵖ. Sir & Sirs,

Your Letter of the 8ᵗʰ. instant by a Cattamaran, did not reach us till the 16ᵗʰ.

You have acted very right in sending a reinforcement to Poonamalee, and we would have you make the necessary repairs to the Fort, as we are come to a resolution to Support our title to that Place and Sᵗ. Thomé; You will therefore take the necessary steps thereto. Sᵗ. Thomé we have Farm'd to Linga Chitty and Subramony for 4000 Pagodas ℔ Annum, and you will order a Proper Person to Collect the Rents of Poonamalee.

Send us the Returns of Your Military Stores & advise us what you may have occasion for that we may send them by the first opportunity.

By our Spies We learn, Mustapah Jing, with Chunda Soib and Nazir Jing's Brothers are arrived at Pondicherry with Nazir Jing's Treasure, the better part of the Army lay at Waldore; 'Tis said they soon design for the Southward; Mahomed Ally is safe in Trichanopoly.

We are
Worshᵖ. Sir & Sirs,
Your Affectionate Friends & Servᵗˢ.

Fort Sᵗ. David
17ᵀᴴ. December 1750.

Thomas Saunders.
Richard Starke.
George Pigot.
Foss Westcott.
Alexander Wynch.

Nº. 50.

To Richard Prince Esqᴿ.
Deputy Governor &cᴬ.
Council of Fort Sᵗ. George.

Gentlemen

Yesterday came to hand your Letter of the 14ᵗʰ. Inst.

As We hear the Britannia Captain Somner is arrived with You from Bombay, with a Consignment of Treasure on board for Fort William and having Occasion for Twenty Chests, we have order'd Captain Somner to deliver them to You which you will therefore give him a Receipt for and send them us by the first good Sea Conveyance and Judging it highly Necessary Lieutenant Hocket should continue with

You in the present Situation of Affairs, We therefore now countermand the Orders We gave the 27th. Ultº. for his Coming hither. We have appointed him a Captain Lieutenant of the Train for which shall send him a Commission in a few days.

We are
Gentlemen
Your Affectionate Friends & Sers.

Fort St. David
21st. December 1750.

Thomas Saunders.
Richard Starke.
Henry Powney.
George Pigot.
Foss Westcott.
Alaxender Wynch.

Nº. 51

To Richard Prince Esqr.
Deputy Governor &cª.
Council of Fort St. George.

Gentlemen

As there is no mention in any of the Letters received from You since the 27th. of last month of the Receipt of one from the Honble the President and Council to you of that date, they have therefore directed me to inclose You a Duplicate of it, and to acquaint You, That for the future in all your Letters they would have You acknowledge the Receipt of the last from hence.

They would likewise have the Reasons of the Importers of Coral for refusing paying Customs as usual, demanded of them and transmitted hither, When they will give proper directions in that Particular.

I am
Gentlemen
Your most Humble Servant.
Charles Bourchier.
Secry.

Fort St. David
22dº. December 1750.

Nº. 52

To Richard Prince Esqr.
Deputy Governor &cª.
Council of Fort St. George.

Gentlemen

We have received Your Letters of the 7th. 15th. & 19th. Instant with the accompanying Papers.

Having come to a Resolution to Regulate the Train You will Order Lieutenant Hocket to Proceed here as soon as he conveniently can.

The several House Necessarys Purchas'd on Account the Squadron You will bring to Account under that head.

We would have Your Storekeeper and Military Storekeeper take an Account Remains of the Severals under their Charge inspecting the Same and distinguishing what may be Unfit for Use that the proper Indents may be made and what appears useless be dispos'd of, likewise the House Necessarys at Your Place.

Two of the Mussoolahs on which We sent You the Baftaes are Return'd with Forty Corge and five Pieces, don't forget to send Us Six or Eight Boats in the Room of these, that We may be able to give Proper Dispatches to the Ships in January.

We must recommend to You to get as much of Your Cloth cur'd as possible. We suppose the Gentlemen at the Bay will order a Ship to touch at Your Place on Whom You will send what Bales You may have on hand.

You will deliver to Linga Chitty's Gomastah One hundred Bales of Broad Cloth and Reserve for him the Remainder, Excepting such as may be wanted for Expences.

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your Affectionate Friends & Servants

FORT S^{T}. DAVID
27TH. NOVEMBER 1750.

THOMAS SAUNDERS.
RICHARD STARKE.
HENRY POWNEY.
GEORGE PIGOT.
FOSS WESTCOTT.
ALEXANDER WYNCH.

N^{O}. 53

TO RICHARD PRINCE ESQ^{R}.
DEPUTY GOVERNOR &C^{A}.
COUNCIL OF FORT S^{T}. GEORGE.

GENTLEMEN

We have receiv'd Your Letter of the 17th. with the several Books and Papers that accompanied it by the Mussoolah.

As We have commenc'd paying our Military and Servants in Pagodas, we would have You do the same, and in order to Procure what may be necessary for this purpose, What Wares and Stores You dispose of must be paid for in Pagodas.

We are sorry to observe by your List of Cloth on hand that your Investment goes on so slowly & therefore must recommend to You to use Your best Endeavours with the Merchants to exert themselves as the Dispatch of the Ships to Europe draws near. What Bales You have ready, You must send Us by the Europe Ships expected from the Bay should they touch at Your Port.

We think it highly necessary to fix the Customs again on Grain imported by Sea, and would therefore have You commence levying them immediately giving Proper Notice thereof.

Having Occasion for some Horse furniture send us down by the first good Conveyance, What You may have more than is necessary for your Troop.

In the Present unsettled State of the Province We think it Probable that You will be applied to by some Persons of Distinction for Protection, In which Case We would have You gratifie them and behave to them with Civility.

Inclos'd is Duplicate of our last.

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your Affectionate Friends & Servants

FORT S^{T}. DAVID
24TH. DECEMBER 1750.

THOMAS SAUNDERS.
RICHARD STARKE.
HENRY POWNEY.
GEORGE PIGOT.
FOSS WESTCOTT.
ALEXANDER WYNCH.

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